

FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN IN MEETING

Enthusiastically indorsed by 125 business men of Southeast Missouri, present at the opening session here this forenoon, the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau was re-organized along the lines outlined by a committee that had been working on the big undertaking for some time and made its report at the opening of Tuesday's meeting. Support of the eight counties in Southeast Missouri well represented, was pledged.

President Thad Snow called the meeting of the Agricultural Bureau to order at 10 o'clock. In his opening remarks he spoke of the re-organization plan and expressed a desire that all lines of business could be well represented.

J. N. Friant, of Cape Girardeau, chairman of the reorganization committee, presented the plans for the re-organization of the bureau. Chairman Snow asked for expressions of opinions from the members.

S. B. Hunter, of Cape Girardeau, gave his enthusiastic endorsement of the plan, as presented by Friant and pledged his earnest cooperation.

That Cape county would get behind the plan and could be counted on for support at all times, was the opinion expressed by Fred Naeter of the Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau.

J. H. Himmelberger of Cape Girardeau declared the plan covered the greatest undertaking for the improvement of Southeast Missouri that had been brought to his attention. He said he believed that business men of this district are ready to get behind such a commendable movement.

Southeast Missouri is the very best section of the corn belt of the Mississippi Valley, according to A. J. Matthews, who indorsed the plan. He declared that the soil in this district is of superior quality and the long growing season makes the section admirable for producing the cereal in large quantities and of a high class.

F. D. Lair of Charleston said he had seen more smiling faces at the meeting than he had come upon in some time and this fact caused him to think that the Bureau ought to put through its plan and help put smiles on the faces of more people who are inclined to go around with that worried look. Mississippi county, he said, is behind the re-organization plan.

C. O. Raines, Pemiscot county, member of the State Highway Board, and President of the State Grange, gave his indorsement to the plan. The move, he said, surely will put Southeast Missouri in the front rank re-organized bureau to get to work, as an agricultural district.

Dunklin county is eager for the J. B. Stubblefield, Malden, who two years ago originated the idea of placing the Southeast Missouri agricultural exhibit in the Union Station in St. Louis, indorsed the plan.

Burt Rowe, Mississippi County, pleaded for internal improvement in this district, emphasizing the necessity for better schools and better roads, that he believed are necessary to go along with the finer farms that are coming, largely due to the efforts of the agricultural bureau. Mississippi county, he said, endorses the new work.

Butler county's O. K. of the re-organization plan was announced by Dwight I. Wn, Poplar Bluff, editor, who told of a movement in his own locality for getting a farm engineer to assist in placing new-comers on land suitable for growing the kind of crops to which they wish to give their attention.

Marion Minton, of Dexter, emphasized in his indorsement of the movement, the necessity of playing the game fairly and squarely in the selling of land to those who come to Southeast Missouri to live.

Not only should the district strive attention should be paid to getting to increase its rural population, but the better class of sellers to come here D. H. Doane, Poplar Bluff, declared, indorsing the bureau movement. New farmers, he said, should be coupled up carefully with the kind of soil they need for growing the crops they want to produce.

We should not "kid" ourselves, but get down to work, seriously and fairly. C. H. Denman, of Sikeston declared in outlining his views favoring the reorganization movement. He warned, particularly, against over-confidence and insisted that it will take hard, conscientious work to bring about the desired results.

W. H. Meredith of Poplar Bluff is enthusiastic over the possibilities of the bureau and optimistic regarding results.

By a rising vote the report of the reorganization committee was adopted and the delegates unanimously retained as a permanent committee the men who drew up the plan. They will devote their attention to increasing the membership of the reorganized bureau.

Afternoon Session.

The Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau at the beginning of the afternoon session Tuesday unanimously protested the plea of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce for increasing the fruit and vegetable freight rates in the Memphis territory as they would affect Southeast Missouri.

H. C. Hensley, farm agent of New Madrid county, brought the matter before the convention, which sent the following message to W. W. Wooden, manager for the Southeast Missouri Melon Growers Association, who was in St. Louis, attending a hearing by the Interstate Commerce Commission:

"Two hundred farmers and business men convened here as delegates from the eight counties of Southeast Missouri, representing nine thousand farm bureau members, unanimously oppose readjustment upwards of freight rates now in effect on fruit and vegetables and petition Memphis Chamber of Commerce to cease urging change.

"Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau.

"Thad Snow, President."

The Agricultural Bureau showed its interest in two important features of community development aside from the farming interests, by enthusiastically indorsing the plans for better rural schools and better roads, although it refused to take up the matter of spending the \$60,000,000 bond issue, deciding to leave that matter for settlement by a meeting called to especially deal with it.

President W. S. Dearmont and Prof. W. W. Martin of the Teachers College of Cape Girardeau made pleas for better rural schools, hearty support of the Teachers College, the supplying of more efficient teachers for county schools and the elimination of teachers with third grade certificates who now fill the rooms of so many rural schools.

W. R. Cooley of Cape Girardeau cited instances of the great aid to agriculture that had been given by the Southeast Missouri Teachers College in addition to its work in training teachers for the public schools.

Chairman Snow called attention to the fact that Otto Kochitzky, the "father of drainage" in Southeast Missouri, had entered the convention hall and asked him to address the meeting. Immediately there were calls for him and the assembly rose to its feet in an ovation to the man who gave several years of work to reclaiming a half million acres of land in the overflowed districts of Southeast Missouri.


Otto Kochitzky is a modest man. He disclaimed any right to such an honor. "Drainage in Southeast Missouri was a development that came about gradually," he said. "I happened to be the man to do the work—that's all.

He called attention to the fact that the drainage work was not finished. That ditches must be watched in the future, as their neglect would bring about swamps again. The water must be drained off and the overflow held out if reclamation plans should continue efficient.

John A. Montgomery of Stoddard county, once a lawyer, now a farmer, spoke of the necessity for the farmer to use judgment and good business sense in his work, and advised hearty support of the reorganized bureau in carrying on its work.

William Holloway of Charleston told of the formation of the Mississippi county elevator company with \$100,000 capital, that is ready to function, and R. L. Ward of Caruthersville made an appeal to the business men of Southeast Missouri to get squarely behind the new organization, go home determined to work for it and to keep up the interest in its welfare that it may become a factor in development that will be far-reaching in its scope.

The counties will elect two directors each, one representing the county farm bureaus, the other the business men who are sustaining members and these directors will meet the first Tuesday in each quarter at Sikeston




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headquarters to transact the business of the organization.

The work of J. T. Stinson, retiring secretary, was warmly indorsed by a resolution, and his offer to remain for a few weeks longer to aid in the campaign for memberships for the new organization was greatly appreciated by the assembled business men.

Among the representatives of the eight counties of the district were the following:

Scott County.

E. W. Davis, C. L. Blanton, Sr., E. A. Riga, C. C. Pinnell, W. L. Carroll, John N. Chaney, Leroy Moore, M. G. Gresham, W. T. Shanks, Marion McFarland, W. H. Sikes, Howard Bennett, A. C. Haffner, Caleb Smith, H. A. Smith, D. B. Kevil, W. B. Bledsoe, A. C. Sikes, F. M. Sikes, Chas. F. McMullin, J. W. Black, J. H. Galeener, John J. Reiss, J. Boardman, C. F. Bruton, A. J. Renner, I. H. Dunaway, W. L. Wallace, C. C. Buchanan, A. W. Wylie, James Marshall, F. Shanks, L. D. Baker, J. H. Yount, A. J. Matthews, T. A. Wilson, C. H. Denman, Theodore Hopper, Sikeston; S. B. Chamberlain, P. J. Greer, Commerce; F. L. Watts, J. T. Schneide, J. T. Huey, Blodgett; W. E. Foard, Oran; T. A. Wylie, Chaffee.

Mississippi County.

O. H. DeWolf, R. L. Shelby, Reece Gillyoly, Karl W. Marshall, Ed C. Marshall, S. P. Loebe, Harry B. Gordon, Burt H. Rowe, R. L. Baldrige, C. R. Moreton, W. C. Russell, F. D. Lair, F. J. Wilkinson, G. E. Cain, Thad Snow, E. Lidsay Brown, John A. Millar, J. C. Millar, Ted Shelby, Will Bledsoe, W. D. Cain, East Prairie; J. W. Hawkins, Wyatt.

New Madrid.

Jos. Lundenschmidt, Noxall; P. J. Stearns, Lilbourn; H. C. Hensley, New Madrid; G. D. Steele, Frank Deane, Matthews.

Pemiscot.

C. O. Raines, Hayti; H. M. Highfill, New Netherlands; H. C. Leurs, R. L. Ward, Caruthersville; T. V. Schonover, Bragg City.

Dunklin County.

John A. Ferguson, Malden.

Stoddard County.

E. J. Mahoney, John A. Montgomery, Joseph Crowe, G. W. Crow, L. L. Garner, John Crow, Rudolph Weber, L. L. Lepschenske, D. C.

Steele, Marion Minton, A. Q. Carter, C. E. Nelson, J. W. Covington, Dexter; J. L. Ashley, H. L. Harty, N. M. Cobb, M. S. Magee, Bloomfield; W. J. Smith, J. P. LaRue, M. E. Wyatt, Charles Darby, Essex.

Butler County.

Dwight H. Brown, W. H. Meredith, M. L. Reed, D. H. Doane, Poplar Bluff; M. P. Mesler, Mesler; R. L. Fitzgerald, John F. Jordan, Fisk.

Cape Girardeau County.

Wm. R. Cooley, S. B. Hunter, John H. Himmelberger, Seth Babcock, Charles Schaefer, Fred Naeter, W. W. Martin, W. S. Dearmont, Julian N. Friant, Otto Kochitzky, Allan Hinchey.

NOTICE.

The City Clerk has called my attention to the failure of many persons to pay their automobile license, since the same became due and payable in October.

It is regrettable to be required to resort to arrests and prosecutions for this oversight, but all persons operating cars in the city of Sikeston, without license, after Monday, January 10, 1921, will be prosecuted in strict accordance with the ordinance.

R. E. Bailey, City Attorney.

Mrs. Leo and Willie Watkins spent the week end in Dexter, guests of their aunt, Mrs. Jack Caldwell.

Ewell Barger was up from Wardell Tuesday for a visit with relatives and to attend the big Farm Bureau meeting.

Those suffering with cold feet at night can keep them warm with a safety electric heating pad.—Missouri Public Utilities Co.

Miss Geraldine Bess returned Tuesday to her home in Fredericktown after a most delightful visit here with her brother, Carl Bess and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kiser and Mrs. Mrs. Roswell Kiser were called to Dexter Tuesday because of the death of the Messrs. Kiser's father.

Miss Bernice Waltemate, who recently resigned her position as stenographer with the Sikes-McMullin Grain Company, left Tuesday morning for Poplar Bluff.

Proposed Increase in Melon Rates.

In response to invitation extended to the S. E. Mo. Melon Growers' Association by various southwestern railroads, W. W. Wooden attended a rate meeting in St. Louis on January 4th, called at the suggestion of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to give producers an opportunity to express their views in connection with a proposed increase in freight rates on fruits and vegetables, including watermelons, moving north.

Due to the fact that the melon growers in this district were organized and in position to protect their interests by having a representative on the ground it is quite probable that there will be no increase over the present rates, as was proposed.

As Mr. Wooden was in position to give the committee complete information regarding the melon situation, particularly regarding the effect that higher rates would have on marketing and proper distribution of melons from this district he was able to convince those present that the melon industry would be seriously injured by the contemplated increase in rates.

This is a concrete example of what organization means to the melon growers in Southeast Missouri and should convince every melon grower that the Association deserves his support.

Mrs. Roland Malcolm visited Tuesday with friends in Bertrand.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Hays, 515 Kendall Street, Sunday, December 26, a 9½ pound daughter.

For the man who shaves himself and wants hot water quickly, and El-Bol will do it in one minute.

To appreciate Martha Washington candies you must get it fresh. We receive ours daily.—Dudley's Place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Randol, of 330 South Kingshighway, plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Wednesday, January 12th. Their daughters, Mrs. George Taylor of Kansas City, and Mrs. Frank Ducker, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Ducker, and Frank Randol and family of Galveston, Texas, are expected Sunday for a visit with their parents on this occasion.

Program of Third Annual Meeting of the New Madrid County Farm Bureau, Tuesday, Jan. 11

10:00 a. m. Call to order, and appointment of committee. Address by W. S. Edwards, New Madrid, president.

10:20 a. m. Reading of minutes of last annual meeting, R. Q. Brown, Canalou, secretary.

10:30 a. m. Report and recommendations of County Agent, H. C. Hensley, New Madrid.

10:50 a. m. Address: The Policies of the American Farm Bureau Federation, X. Caveno, Canalou, Director.

11:35 a. m. Address: Will Farmers Stand Hitched?, Paul B. Naylor, College of Agriculture, Columbia, Mo.

12:00 a. m. Dinner served by Methodist ladies in basement of Court House.

1:00 p. m. Adoption program of work for 1921, J. K. Robbins, New Madrid.

Three minute discussions: C. M. Barnes, Marston Chas. Pikey, Conran H. W. Smith, Portageville S. C. Tyler, Malden George Mier, Parma R. Q. Brown, Canalou Wm. Dawson, Jr., New Madrid Wm. S. Edwards, New Madrid P. J. Stearns, Lilbourn X. Caveno.

1:40 p. m. Election of officers.

1:50 p. m. Election of delegates at Missouri Farm Bureau Federation Convention January 17-21, at Columbia.

2:00 p. m. Report of Treasurer, Wm. Dawson, Jr., New Madrid

2:15 p. m. Address: The Future of the Cotton Market, E. R. Lloyd, Director Farm Bureau, Memphis, Tenn.

3:00 p. m. Unfinished or new business.

3:10 p. m. Adjournment

All stores and business house in New Madrid will be closed from 10:30 to 12:00.

The Farm Bureau extends a cordial invitation to all farmers and business men of the County to attend. Meeting in the Court House.

Martha Washington candies 75c per pound.—Dudley's.

Carl Bess was in St. Louis the latter part of the week on business.

Miss Reba Cravens visited her father at Himmel the latter part of last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mayes expect to leave within a few days for Orlando, Florida, where they will open a photo studio. Orlando is about 200 miles south of Jacksonville and 10 miles from the coast, has a population of 17,000, and as there is no other photo studio in the city, the Mayes' will have a clear field. We predict great success and wish them luck.

Mrs. Bettie Matthews recently purchased the E. F. Schorle property, 327 Front Street and donated same to the Catholic Church to be used for a parochial school. During the coming summer the necessary remodeling and repairing will be done so that everything will be in readiness to begin school in the fall.

Miss Virgie Crutchfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crutchfield, and Clyde Bean, a young farmer of the Sikeston vicinity were married in this city Monday, January 3rd. The ceremony was performed by Judge J. C. Lescher. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bean are well known in this city, having always lived in this vicinity. Mrs. Bean is a graduate of Sikeston High School Class of 1919. After finishing High School, she began teaching the rural school near her home and has been a most successful teacher.

John A. Barber, who was taken Tuesday to Cairo to St. Mary's Infirmary, was found, after an X-Ray examination, to be suffering from a broken hip. Mr. Barber was injured the evening of December 26th, when he was struck by Jake Sitze's large automobile as he was crossing the street at the corner of Front and Kingshighway. At first the injuries were supposed to be severe bruises and when no improvement was shown after treatment at home, he was taken to Cairo for examination. Latest reports are that he is resting fairly well since the bones were set. The evening of the accident no street lights were on and it was unusually foggy and neither man saw the other in time to prevent the accident.

CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION MONDAY EVENING

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session Monday evening at the usual hour with all members present excepting C. F. Felker. Mayor White presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The reports of all officers were received and approved and ordered filed.

Upon motion the Waterworks Committee was instructed to get, and report at the next regular meeting, full data concerning cost, feasibility, names of prospective water consumers, etc., before further considering the water main extension up Harris avenue as asked for.

The clerk was instructed to furnish E. J. Malone, Sr., Scott county's representative, a copy of the City Attorney's opinion concerning the legality of this city remitting interest and penalty on taxes not paid for 60 to 90 days.

Mayor White appointed J. W. Winchester and C. E. Felker as a committee to secure proper guarantee and see that payment is made to the city for general damage and the destruction of lights in the City Hall by the basket ball club.

After allowing bills the Board adjourned.

Joy Riders In Jail.

Chief of Police Monan and Carl Bess went Tuesday morning to Mound City, returning that afternoon with Rev. Alfred Mitchell, the negro preacher who stole Bess' Hudson touring car the night of December 30, and abandoned it about 12 miles south of Sikeston when unable to get it over the muddy roads. Wednesday afternoon Constable Sheppard went to Benton taking to jail—the negro preacher and Eugene Tyus, the negro boy who helped get away with the car, and Earl Mason, a negro who has been working for Bess for several months and who stole the car out about a week previous and took a bunch of his colored friends to Charleston. Rev. Mitchell was also charged with stealing oil and gasoline, a pair of leggings and a pair of \$12 pants from Leonard McMullin. Tyus, the boy, told the judge that the same bunch had stolen out other cars on several occasions and returned them to the garages after using them. All three were committed to jail until the March term of Circuit court. All failed to give bond. Each of the older negroes is under \$1,000 bond, and the boy \$500.

The D. A. R. will hold their regular meeting Saturday afternoon, January 8th, at 2:30, at the home of Mrs. Laura Smith, 814 North Kingshighway.

E. J. Malone, Sr., Scott county's representative, accompanied by Mrs. Malone, left Sunday for Jefferson City in order to be comfortably located when the legislature convenes.

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held Tuesday afternoon, January 11th, at 2:30. This meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms instead of the City Hall auditorium.

If all Lyceum numbers were of the same standard as the entertainment given here Monday evening by the Montague Light Opera Singers, there would be a grand rush for tickets each season and the guarantors would never be afraid of coming out of the little end of the horn.

George Triplett, an ex-soldier, about 22 years of age, committed suicide at his home near Essex, Sunday, January 2nd, after making the third attempt to take his own life. He first slashed his throat, then jumped from a second story window and was finally successful when he secured a shotgun and blew off his head.

In this issue appears an advertisement of the "Old Reliable" St. Louis Globe-Democrat, to which we request your attention. The Globe-Democrat bases its claim for your subscription on its absolute fairness in printing all the news in an unbiased, uncolored way. There have been great and important additions to its news-gathering facilities, both at home and abroad. There have also been added a number of new daily features. There is always a good continued story, news of the world in photographs, daily comic cartoons and many other regular features for men, women and children. For particulars we urge you to read the advertisement, and then send in your order at once to the Globe Printing Co., Publishers, St. Louis, Mo.

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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The Standard announces the following new rates for advertising effective August 1, 1920:

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The Standard announces the following new rates for subscription effective September 1, 1920:

Yearly subscription anywhere in Scott and adjoining counties.....\$2.00
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We wonder just what that friend of ours really meant when he said the editor was too weak in the back to make a good hog man and too weak in the head to make a good editor!

The tobacco growers of Kentucky have shut up shop and refused to sell their output to buyers at the prices offered. Guess we will all have to fall back on the rag to chew in the future if we can not get our tobacco and snuff.

Edmund P. Crowe, proprietor of the Dexter Statesman, has leased his office to one of his employees and signed up for a lecture course through the East. Think of the balance of us, Ed, if you should happen to be staged for a trip through Canada!

We corn raisers, wheat raisers, hog raisers and hell raisers are in hopes the Republican Congress will unhook some sort of legislation at an early date whereby we can find some way to pay our debts or stand our debtors off for another spell. Just at this time either one way would suit.

Wat Coleman, of the Morley Banner, and Alden Pinney, of the Benton Democrat, attended the picture show in Sikeston Tuesday then sat up with The Standard corpse the first half of the night. We talked shop from every angle and each wondered if the merchants intended using any of the perfectly good advertising space that we have for sale.

The Federation of Missouri Commercial Clubs will meet in Jefferson City, January 26 and 27. The program will deal with problems that confront Missouri during the period of re-adjustment. The \$60,000,000 road bond proposition will be one of the subjects up for discussion. Sikeston and other Southeast Missouri Commercial Clubs should have representatives present.

A better lot of the leading citizens of Southeast Missouri have never attended any previous meeting than were present at Malone Theater Tuesday to devise ways and means to put the attractions of our section of the State to home seekers. We have the land, we have the climate and we are all ready to welcome to our midst thousands of good families who will help develop our resources.

Of course it is too bad for any man to steal a car, but if he is going after one he should get a good one, and that is just what a negro preacher did when he took the big car belonging to Carl Bess last week. You know the editor hasn't been very enthusiastic about making it more pleasant for our colored population and this escapade does not strengthen that enthusiasm. The money recently raised to build a church for them might be used to defend this brother who went astray, as he has, no doubt, repented of his sin of covetousness.

Every man and woman who it at all interested in farming, dairying and poultry, should attend the Agricultural Short Course to be given by the International Harvester Company in Sikeston the 14th and 15th of January. Much can be gained by giving heed to the lecturers and it will not cost a cent. At the same time The Standard believes some one connected with the Harvester Company should be present to explain, if he can, why the 20 per cent increase in the agricultural implements put out by this company, when everything the farmer has to sell at this time will not bring fifty cents on the dollar.

Folly and Cowardice.

We believe the President's veto of the bill to revive the War Finance Corporation was wise. One of the convincing reasons he gave for his veto was that it would induce exporters to "shift the financing of their operations from ordinary commercial channels to the Government," which would be unfortunate for two reasons: It would lead to the Government's continuance as an active factor in business, and, if resulted in much Government activity, would inevitably lead to increased Government credits and additional taxes on the heavily overburdened taxpayers.

One of the worst influences of the war was governmental interference with and control of business in order to meet emergencies and to regulate prices. It was the cause of artificial conditions in business and of many bad practices which intensified the difficulty of peace readjustment. It was the cause of great waste. It vastly strengthened the inclination of industry and business to lean upon the Government and to seek governmental aid, co-operation or regulation. The proof of this inclination is found in the demand for Government relief for agriculturists, whose products happen to be temporarily a drug on the market, a condition which, despite its present handicap on producers, is of enormous benefit to the whole people in forcing a rapid readjustment of food prices to normal standards. This readjustment had to come, and while it was too rapid for comfort to the producers, artificial postponement merely tends to prolong the agony.

The President pointed out that the measure would be futile. It was contrary to the views of acknowledged financial authorities, whose conclusions at the Brussels conference were that there should be a complete cessation of Government supervision and loans and that business should be returned as soon as possible to normal and to dependence upon private resources and energies. Readjustment and rehabilitation are in process of accomplishment and further artificial stimulus from Government interrupts it and maintains the very conditions from which we are suffering. It is not stat aid, but individual initiative and energy that are needed.

The farmers, like many manufacturers and business men, have had several fat years. None of them are willing to take the inevitable lean period of readjustment. All are grumbling, but the farmer squeals like a stuck pig. He demands help at once, and all the forces of cowardly politics respond to his squealing.

The overwhelming vote of the Senate for the adoption of the bill, which the House is expected to duplicate today, is another proof of congressional folly and cowardice. The majority of Congressmen do not stand by their convictions when votes are in the balance. Principle and judgment and science are thrown to the winds when the farmer vote is at stake and their political support is threatened. They are not shepherds of the people, but sheep.—Post-Dispatch.

Editorial Sparks.

The Yanks are about ready to wind up the watch on the Rhine.—Washington Post.

That Denver sheriff is not so bad, after all. He gets them and losses them. Our sheriff doesn't get them at all.—Baltimore Sun.

In the old days the cynic remarked that beauty is only skin deep, but now he concedes that it is frequently knee high.—Baltimore Sun.

Disarmament is like a formal event in society—none wants to arrive till all the rest are there.—Nashville Tennessean.

If you spell Yap backwards you get somewhat closer to the inside story of the Pacific cable controversy.—Providence Tribune.

We wish that home rule in Ireland could be as popular as home brew in America.—Des Moines Register.

Chicago's chief of police finds that "shooting to kill" is effective to lessen crime. That seems a reasonable conclusion. The thug killed retires permanently.—Pittsburg Gazette.

Only five of the United States have no workmen's compensation laws.

Michigan growers took the first 22 awards for rye and 9 of the 14 awards for Red Rock Wheat at the Chicago International Hay and Grain Show.

Senator King, of Utah, is preparing amendments to the Sherman Anti-Trust Law which he declares will increase the control of the Department of Justice over combinations in restraint of trade.

The honor of being the most expert peach cutter in California goes to Mrs. Charles Onyett, who, while working in a cannery at Gridley, laboring eight hours a day, has been able to earn an average wage of \$11.96 a day throughout the present season.

Public Education

We are the only nation of first-class importance lacking a national department of education. It is said that our neglected bureau of education expends but 1 per cent of the \$30,000,000 given by our Federal Government to educational purposes. Eighty offices, divisions, bureaus, overlap and duplicate activities. Nowhere is there a proper center for the protection and development of the teaching service. Even the Senate has not seen fit to have a separate committee for educational matters, but groups them with labor concerns under a chairman of labor and education. Some details in connection with our children's bureau, some by the Department of Agriculture, some by the Labor Department, some by the Department of Justice, and some by the Department of the Interior. Nor does the State end here. All through the country the same wasteful scattering of energy abounds; no very substantial advances in educational policies need be expected in the 29 of our states where the county superintendents are elected for one and two-year terms, with all the onus of political differences; nor in those states where 30,000 to 50,000 trustees, elected also for short terms and with the drag of partisan favors, carry on school business involving not so large an expenditure as is managed in the City of Boston by a board of five.

It is, perhaps, not strange to find one of these partisan ticket superintendents confessing, "This psychology stunt ain't got me yet," and not entirely disconcerting to come upon a district officer who selects his teachers according to their ability to spell "mad dog" backward! The challenge to the American school is well defined. It is time for American education to achieve a vision comparable to its immense responsibilities. It is time our self-respect compelled us to put our schools on a sound working basis, time that we co-ordinated our national and state educational agencies, took all our school directors out of party politics and strengthened our teaching profession by providing for it adequate direction, adequate salaries and adequate opportunities for its creative growth.—North American Review.

Farmers Ask Credit Relief.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1.—President J. R. Howard of the American Farm Bureau Federation has just returned from Washington where he has been working in behalf of speedy and definite relief for the agricultural credit situation. Mr. Howard and Gray Silver, the Federation's Washington representatives, appeared before the joint committee of Agriculture and of Banking and Currency of the United States Senate and advocated measures embodying five definite planks in the American Farm Bureau Federation's immediate relief program.

1 Regulatory power over farmers' cooperative marketing associations should be in the hands of the United States Department of Agriculture rather than the Federal Trade Commission.

2 The farmers' cooperative marketing movement must not be hindered by the provisions of the Sherman Law, enacted to control trusts and not with any intent to curb cooperation for the benefit of the public at large.

3 The Federal Reserve Bank Act should be amended so as to provide preferential rates for loans for productive purposes over loans for speculative purposes.

4 The Warehousing Act should be extended so as to serve the needs of both individuals and cooperative associations, and there should be based upon it a rural credits plan which will enable the farmer, individually or collectively, to market his crops in an order in an orderly fashion.

5 The Federal Land Bank System should be extended to provide farmers with personal credit, for such purposes as buying improved seed, live stock, machinery and equipment, on the same general plan as real estate loans are now provided.

According to Mr. Howard, these planks form the basis of a platform which he hopes to see forthwith erected by Congress for the benefit and encouragement of the farmers of America, just how heartily to find that after producing bumper crops with which to feed the world, they are offered far below the actual costs of production.

Attracted by the high rate of exchange, counterfeiters are circulating bogus American money in Germany. One \$19 bill was detected because "America" was spelled with a "k" instead of a "c".

A feller can never tell. When the editor stated that he intended to remain out of the mechanical end of the shop, he really meant it, but our lineotype lady was indisposed the second day after our resolve and the editor is stuck back in the corner again.

FEDERATION OF MISSOURI COMMERCIAL CLUBS

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 4.—The annual State-wide convention and election of officers of the Federation of Missouri Commercial Clubs will be held in Jefferson City, on January 26th and 27th, 1921.

According to the call issued by I. R. Kelso of Cape Girardeau, President of the Federation, the program will deal with problems that confront Missouri during the period of readjustment.

Great interest is being manifested in the coming meeting because Constitutional Amendments adopted at the recent election will require more or less legislation for the purpose of setting up the necessary machinery to make them effective. To illustrate: the people out in the State were told by the friends and advocates of Amendments 6 that if adopted, the proposed \$60,000,000 State bond issue would not increase their taxes.

The Legislature must find some way in order to keep faith with the tax payers, to provide the necessary revenue to pay principal and interest, expenses of administration and maintenance of the highways out of the automobile license fund.

The legislative program is a State-wide proposition. The roads are to be built in the country. Nevertheless the result of the future road program of this State will depend entirely upon the action and recommendations of city friends if there is no organized interest manifested in the country regarding proposed legislation. Unless the Legislature makes proper provision for an equitable distribution of the funds and sets up machinery which will insure the tax payers that all moneys will be honestly and fairly administered, no progress can be made.

"State development work in general, especially those features of it requiring future bond issues to be determined by the voters, will be made very difficult, if not entirely impossible, unless the handling of the \$60,000,000 road fund proves satisfactory to every county in the State," according to Mr. Kelso.

Among the speakers at the convention will be representatives of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs, American Legion, State Press, Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, State and County Fairs, City, County and State Officials, and educational leaders from State and National Agencies. City officials and commercial organizations are urged to send delegates to the convention, and the attendance of members of the County Court and Press is especially desired.

The fact that the Legislature will be in session at the time of the convention should prove an incentive for attendance for all who have any business to transact with officials in any department at the State Capitol.

The Mayor, City Officials and civic leaders of Jefferson City are tuning that community up to the highest degree of hospitality for this convention. Homes in all sections of the city have been card indexed in order to have rooms available for the visitors. Many of the finest homes in the city will be opened to guests from out in the State on this occasion.

Get prices on Furniture elsewhere, then come to Dempster's.

Michigan is the first State to offer a reward for planting nut trees beside highways. In Europe the profit from roadside nut trees assist in maintaining roads. Roadside nut trees abroad are protected from vandalism by public sentiment, and this is true of the nut orchards in the principal centers of production in this country.

GARDNER PROPOSES \$16,500 TO PAY BACK SALARIES

Jefferson City, Mo., December 31.—Gov. Frederick D. Gardner, in his final message to the Legislature, will recommend the passage of a deficiency appropriation of \$16,500 for the payment of back salaries to members of the State Tax Commission for which no appropriation was made by the last Legislature.

The members of the commission are Roy Williams of Booneville, H. Chouteau Dyer of St. Louis and W. A. Dallmeyer of Jefferson City. Williams and Dyer are Democrats. Dallmeyer is a Republican.

Of the \$16,500, if appropriated, Williams would get \$8000 as chairman and Dallmeyer and Dyer \$5250 each. The salary of chairman is \$4000 and of members \$3500.

The failure of the last Legislature to appropriate funds for the salaries of the members of the Tax Commission arose from the fight in the Legislature led by three members of the State Board of Equalization to repeal the Tax Commission law. It was not repealed but the members of the Tax Commission as then constituted were not confirmed in their appointment and vacancies were created which were filled by Gov. Gardner June 1, 1919, by the appointment of Williams, Dallmeyer and Dyer. The members ousted by the refusal of the Senate to confirm the Governor's appointments were Cornelius Roach of Kansas City, chairman, and James Y. Player of St. Louis and J. H. Galeener of Sikeston members. The fight on the Tax Commission grew out of the insistence of Roach, Player and Galeener that property be assessed at its true value, as provided by law.

Williams, Dallmeyer and Dyer have devoted only a part of their time to the work of the commission. They have worked harmoniously with Attorney General McAllister, State Treasurer Middlekamp and Secretary of State Sullivan, exponents of fractional assessments, who engineered the fight on the Roach, Player and Galeener Board.

The Legislature appropriated \$26,600 to carry on the work of the commission and that has been expended under the direction of Gov. Gardner.

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5. Every school open 12 months in the year, for instruction in some form.
6. Teachers employed 12 months in the year.
7. Vocational education and physical training in every school.
8. Visual education—films for primary teaching in every school, and for geography, history and literature in the upper grades.
9. Every school a community center for organized activities.
10. Ohio ranking first, instead of twelfth, in education.

The number of unemployed in New South Wales is between 15,000 and 20,000.

Experiments conducted in the research laboratories of the army signal corps prove that a number of messages may be sent over submarine cables simultaneously through the use of alternating current.

Colds & Headache

"For years we have used Black-Draught in our family, and I have never found any medicine that could take its place," writes Mr. H. A. Stacy, of Bradyville, Tenn. Mr. Stacy, who is a Rutherford County farmer, recommends Black-Draught as a medicine that should be kept in every household for use in the prompt treatment of many little ills to prevent them from developing into serious troubles.

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"It touches the liver and does the work," Mr. Stacy declared. "It is one of the best medicines I ever saw for a cold and headache. I don't know what we would do in our family if it wasn't for Black-Draught. It has saved us many dollars. . . . I don't see how any family can hardly go without it. I know it is a reliable and splendid medicine to keep in the house. I recommend Black-Draught highly and am never without it."

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'COAL OIL JOHNNY' DIES AT AGE OF 78

Omaha, Neb., January 1.—John W. Steele, known widely in the East half a century ago as "Coal Oil Johnny," reputed then to have spent a comfortable fortune when oil was discovered on his Pennsylvania land, died of pneumonia yesterday at Fort Crook, Neb., where he was station agent for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.

Steel, who was born in Shakleville, Pa., in 1843, is said to have attracted considerable attention in New York when a young man by throwing away money to boys and men on the street, apparently because he liked to see them scramble for it. He came west forty-five years ago and had been in the Burlington's employ thirty-seven years.

Eight years ago Steele worked as a truckman at Fort Crook, but later became agent for the railroad. His wife says after the discovery of oil on his Pennsylvania land years ago the money flowed in as a royalty. They were married at the time.

The publicity which newspapers gave his newly acquired wealth and the manner in which he enjoyed spending it made him an object of interest.

When he came west and in the days of royalties were over, he refused to tell of his experiences and regarded that part of his career as a closed book.

The stories about "Coal Oil Johnny" never represented him as gambling or making a prodigal use of his wealth, but rather as enjoying the sight of others getting what was so difficult to obtain. Attending a theater in Pittsburgh one day, the story is that he stepped out of his box when a black-faced comedian finished a song and handed the man a \$1000 bill and asked him to sing it again.

His family lived in the station house in four tiny rooms.

RELATION OF FARM TENANCY TO SOCIAL LIFE STUDIED

To determine the effect of farm tenancy on the social life of rural communities, the United States Department of Agriculture has carried on studies in a number of States during the last year. Seven States—North Dakota, Georgia, Missouri, South Carolina, Maryland, Iowa and Nebraska—have cooperated in this work. Twenty-five hundred farms and farm families in 20 different communities were intensively studied. It is expected that the results, when tabulated, will throw much new light on the entire subject of farm tenancy. Studies in sales of farms, from the social angles, have been carried on in five counties in Indiana. The number of sales in each county has been ascertained, the buyers and sellers located, the human side of the transaction inquired into, and the social as well as the economic reasons for selling and buying brought out.

The Standard, \$2.00 per year.



The deflation of values has driven a London concern, which is one of the largest for brokers in the world, into voluntary bankruptcy.

According to the comptroller of the Shipping Board, losses are being shown on practically every voyage undertaken by a Shipping Board vessel. Private lines are said to be experiencing similar difficulties.

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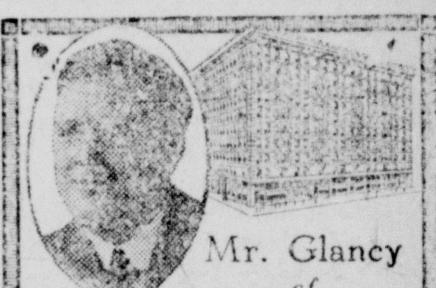
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AGRICULTURAL SHORT COURSE IS ASSURED

A series of interesting and helpful meetings in community building, agriculture, gardening and home conveniences has been assured for this community through the co-operation of the Agricultural Extension Department of the International Harvester Company. They will be held in Sikeston, January 14th and 15th.

The purpose of the meetings will be to help the people engaged in strictly educational work. The party coming to this vicinity will consist of H. S. Mobley and Mrs. Adda F. Howie.

Mr. Mobley was national chairman at Washington of Farmers' Organizations' Legislative Committee during the discussion and adoption of such laws as the Farm Loan Bank, Parcel Post, Smith-Lever Bill, etc. He is a practical farmer of many years' experience who sees things from the farmers' viewpoint, a successful live stock and alfalfa grower, a leader among community builders, and a well-known lecturer on the various



H. S. Mobley

agricultural subjects and home and rural school problems.

Mrs. Howie is one of the very few women dairy experts in the country and is a most interesting lecturer, not only on dairy subjects, but also on poultry and the farm home.

The plan is to hold both day and evening sessions, at which admission will be free and everybody, men, women and children will be welcome.

In the talks and lectures large charts and lantern slides will be used and at every session the subjects treated will be thrown open for discussion.

Motion pictures, both interesting and highly educational, will be among the big features on the program at the Agricultural Short Course.

These will consist of eight reels dealing with various subjects of importance to farmers, to housewives, to those living in town and those residing in the country.



Mrs. Adda F. Howie

One of these reels, devoted to sheep, has been pronounced by experienced sheep growers and prominent live stock men all over the country as the best reel on sheep ever produced. It covers practically every problem in the raising and care of sheep and is both pleasingly entertaining and instructive.

Every sheep grower, whether experienced or not, every farmer, every town dweller, every man, woman and child should see this reel.

Two reels will be devoted to corn. One shows the harvesting, storing and testing of seed corn, step by step, illustrating how simple and easy, and yet how important it is to provide ourselves with seed that we know will grow. The other corn reel deals with the cultivation of corn and how best to utilize it in feeding live stock.

Another reel shows the farm tractor engaged in numerous tasks from plowing a town lot to pulling 52 plows on the open prairie.

"Home Conveniences" is the subject covered by a reel which will prove of great interests to women and equally interesting to men.

"Home Canning by the Cold Pack Method" will be shown in another reel. This illustrates every step in the canning of various products.

"Milk—Nature's Perfect Food" is the title of a reel which tells the value of milk and how to produce and use it.

Another reel, "Make More from the Poultry", deals with poultry raising from the farmers' viewpoint. It tells the things we ought to know about poultry.

Sikeston is one of the four towns in Missouri selected for the Agricultural Short Course and the citizens of this community are interested in making it a success. The following committees that have been appointed will strive to put it over BIG:

Executive Chairman: A. C. Haffner; Arrangement Committee, C. C. White; Ranney Applegate, J. F. Cox, J. W. Winchester, Louis Baker; Finance Committee, L. M. Stallcup, E. C. Matthews, Chas. F. McMullin, E. A. Matthews; Program Committee, J. W. Black, W. H. Sikes, speakers; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson, Miss Hazel Stubbs, Harry Dover, Miss Fern Scott, Thomas J. Russell, music; Publicity and Invitation Committee, C. H. Denman, C. L. Blanton, Col. Wade Norrid, W. H. Sutton, Matthews; Howard Steele, Matthews; R. Q. Brown, Canalou, Chas. Biser, Canalou; Geo. Cain, Charleston; James Baker, Theo. Hopper, Bob Thomas, Albert Wiley, T. Wilson, A. J. Matthews, Pitt White, Bertrand; Ed Green, Blodgett; J. W. Black, Morley; Tom Bugg, Vanduser; Clarence, Brasher, Crowder; W. W. Hinchey, Wm. Shubert, Morehouse; School Committee, M. C. Thomas, Sikeston; M. E. Montgomery, Benton; P. J. Stearns, New Madrid; Class-Room Material Committee, Wade Norrid, Elmer Frazier, M. C. Culp, Ed Hollingsworth, E. J. Malone, Sr.; Women's Committee, Mrs. A. C. Sikes, Mrs. C. C. White, Mrs. Lyman Matthews, Oran; Mrs. I. H. Dunaway, Mrs. E. J. Malone Sr., Mrs. W. T. Shanks.

Interesting Items.

Six thousand persons from the United States are emigrating to Canada monthly.

Before they are two years old seven hundred and seventy-nine of every thousand babies in China die.

Twenty-five thousand of the 50,000 babies born in France during 1919 have died, according to the census of the minister of labor.

Maine reports an actual shortage of 108 teachers and 390 below the standard required which places the total shortage close to 500.

To endeavor to bring about the passage of minimum wage laws Miss Jeannette Rankin, who was the first woman representative in Congress, is now making a tour of the country.

A bill drafted by a United States Senator would forbid all citizens who are abroad and members of the American diplomatic and consular services to drink intoxicating liquors.

Seventy thousand Sicilians awaiting an opportunity to sail for the United States are congesting the port of Palermo, Sicily. Ten thousand steerage passengers are sailing monthly from Naples for America.

Each member of the Osage Indian tribe who has inherited oil rights will receive \$10,000 for the year 1920. There are now 2,228 original shares in the Osage tribe according to officers of Indian affairs.

During the last fiscal year the units established a record in coinage, when a total of \$99,500,000 coins were executed. This is an increase of 446 per cent in coinage over 1915, the last normal year.

The business community of Germany believes that the German fleet betrayed the Fatherland and caused its ruin and consequently no German trader or shipowner will employ former naval or shipyard men in the battle of Jutland.

A Memphis man has invented a new cotton picker with a capacity of 700 pounds daily. The picker, at the end of a flexible tube, is placed against the boll and the cotton is drawn from the bolls by means of two cylindrical horsehair brushes which revolve. As action arrangement draws the cotton to a receptacle in the rear.

HIDES WE BUY ALL KINDS.—WALPOLES MARKET.

Recoveries by the Government, during the last fiscal year, for trespasses on the national forests, amounted to \$87,082 in damages and \$3,225 in fines. These included grazing, timber, fire, game, and occupancy.

State Hospital No. 4 closed the Biennial period December 31, 1920 clear of debt and with a fund of \$114,828.02 unused which will revert to the General Revenue Fund of the state January 1, 1921. This is one of the state institutions that has passed through the period of high prices without a deficit. This Hospital is now on a self-sustaining basis.

MATTHEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Fulkerson left Wednesday of last week for Rockyford, Colorado, where they will make their home.

Miss Eva Cochran returned Wednesday from Poplar Bluff, where she has been the past few days visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith and son Pat of Poplar Bluff arrived in Matthews Tuesday to make this their future home.

Clarence Hunott is spending the week in town with his father, Mr. L. Hunott.

Misses Ela and Della Harper of Sikeston are visiting Miss Dorothy Waters this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Butler and daughter Vivian returned Tuesday to their home in Canalou after spending a few days at this place.

Mrs. Jim Brown returned last week from Poplar Bluff, where she went to visit her parents.

Mrs. Newell Arnold was in Sikeston Wednesday on business.

Thos. Gallivan, a prominent lawyer of New Madrid, was in Matthews Wednesday on business.

Roy Conyers arrived in Matthews Tuesday to spend a few days with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Randolph and son were guests of Mrs. Randolph's mother, Mrs. Minnie Lee, Monday and Tuesday.

L. Deane went to Lilbourn Wednesday, where he has a contract to build some houses on the Thornburg farm.

Mr. Elliot, superintendent of the saw mill east of Matthews, spent Xmas in Cape with his family, returning to Matthews Tuesday of last week.

Thos. Holderby of near La Forge was in Matthews Wednesday on business.

Rev. L. Hinchey went to Lilbourn Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byers and little daughter returned to their home in Bragg City after a few days visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fant.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hall of Canalou spent Christmas with Mr. Hall's mother, Mrs. Noma Hall.

George Reed is moving his family in the Thos. Holderby residence this week.

John Moss spent Christmas with his wife and little daughter in Holcomb.

Miss Madge Davis, teacher of Crow school is spending the holidays with her parents in Sikeston.

MCMULLIN ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Stubblefield and daughter, Virginia, were visitors in our neighborhood during the holidays.

Misses Grace Kindred and Nellie Clifford spent Sunday with Miss Alpha Perkinson.

Fred Ancell and Lynn Waggoner of Commerce spent the week end, guests of McMullin friends.

Mrs. Ida Carpenter and Juanita visited Mrs. W. B. Simpson Sunday. Geo. Norman and family spent the holidays visiting relatives in Fredericktown.

Only a small crowd attended Sunday School Sunday. We would like to have larger crowds from now on. Everybody try to come next Sunday and let's do better this year.

Archie McIntosh's baby son is critically ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. C. C. Freeman and children, Carl and Virginia visited Mrs. Ancell Saturday.

Mrs. Barnett and daughter Pearl are helping Mrs. McIntosh nurse her sick baby.

Elmer Grant's baby is suffering from pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Inman entertained a number of young friends at a farewell party Thursday night. About thirty young people were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Meiderhoff spent Sunday afternoon at the Anton Meiderhoff home in McMullin.

Claude Lee visited friends in Bloomfield last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Montgomery of Benton visited in our little city Thursday.

School Notes.

School opened again with all pupils in school excepting three sick ones. We are all glad to be in school again after a delightful holiday vacation.

Johnny Meiderhoff is attending the Parochial school in Benton. Oral Rowark is out of school on account of sickness.

Prizes were given to some of the pupils last month for efficiency in their studies. All of us will try to have our names on the Roll of Honor this month.

We wish the Editor and his staff a busy and a prosperous New Year.

Dempster, the Furniture man is always on the job.

The Cost Sale continues at the Farmers Supply Co.

LEGISLATURE CAN'T SUSPEND PENALTY FOR UNPAID TAXES

Jefferson City, Mo., January 1.—Gov. Gardner did not consult any legal advisers before he gave a news item to the press last night in which he urged the Legislature, by joint resolution to suspend the penalty provision of the statute imposed for the nonpayment of taxes at the close of the last year. The Governor suggested that the penalty should be remitted up to April 1 to enable those who have not paid their taxes to escape the penalty imposed by law.

Lawyers say that the legislature is not vested with the power to suspend a statute by a joint resolution. The legislature has the power to repeal the penalty statute outright, but it cannot suspend its provisions by joint resolution. Neither can the legislature pass a retrospective law. This is prohibited by the constitution.

FORD PLANT AT DETROIT NOT TO REOPEN JAN. 3, AS PLANNED

Detroit, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made today by the Ford Motor Co., that its Highland Park plant, which closed December 24, for inventory, will not reopen January 3, as planned, but will remain closed indefinitely.

The statement said: "The company has now decided not to reopen the plant next week, but will resume operations as early as possible. The assembly plants throughout the United States will continue their operations as usual."

At the time of the closing of the plant for inventory, approximately 50,000 workers were employed.

Charles Jones and Chas. Seals made the discovery Wednesday morning under the ice in the park pond, a snake about eighteen inches long, coiled up ready to strike. They dispatched his snakeship in jig time and were quite proud over their accomplishment.—Lilbourn Herald.

BEAT UP HIS CAPTAIN.

Former Private Gladly Pays the \$10 Fine.

Norfolk, Va., January 2.—For the pleasure of giving his former army captain a sound thrashing Samuel Berman of No. 118 Liberty street, New York City, today paid \$10 and costs when he was arraigned in court. Berman, who is a traveling salesman, yesterday heard that B. R. Fink a former captain in the United States was in Norfolk. He hunted him up. He called Fink out of a store into the street and hit him a blow in the left jaw.

"That is for making me do extra guard duty for nothing," said Berman.

When Fink got up the former private hit him another blow in the jaw. "That is for making me do dirty work for nothing while in your company," Berman said. Fink, bleeding from the mouth, ran in a store to escape any more blows from Berman.

Berman said while he was in the army, in Fink's "E" Company, the latter compelled him to do all kinds of disagreeable things for spite. "He wanted my mother to board and lodge his sister. We had no room for her or anybody else. Fink got sore with me and imposed all kinds of dirty work on me."

Berman said he had trained two years for his fight with Fink. The latter weighs 210 pounds and is six feet tall. Berman weighs 180 pounds and five feet 10 inches tall.

When Judge Simmons imposed the fine Berman said: "That is cheap. I would have gladly paid \$100 for the privilege of beating Fink."

The former army captain denied that he had treated Berman any differently from other members of his company.

During the last fiscal year thirty-two persons in the army were sentenced to death by court-martial, but in no case was the sentence carried into effect.

In the United States 27 acres are cultivated for each person engaged in agriculture.

With the aim of improving her foreign trade balance, Italy is encouraging the use of peat instead of coal.

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Death of Mrs. John Calvin Jr.

Mrs. Grace Keller Calvin, aged 29 years, wife of John Calvin Jr., and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Keller, died Saturday, January 1st, in Littleton, Colorado, where she has been the past three years hoping to be benefited by the Western climate.

Mrs. Calvin was married about four years ago. Soon after her marriage, tuberculosis developed and her husband took her to Colorado. She improved wonderfully for a time, but for several months the family has known there was no hope for her recovery. The body arrived in Sikeston Monday, January 3rd, accompanied by the husband and her mother. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the home of her parents on Prosperity Street, conducted by Rev. Fin's Jones. She was laid to rest in the Sikeston Cemetery.

Leave your subscription with Sikeston News Agency. Marks for service.

For rheumatism and electric vibrator will give relief.—Missouri Public Utilities Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wyatt of Essex were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Scott Tuesday.

Miss Melvin Bowman returned Wednesday afternoon to St. Charles, where she is a student at Lindenwood College.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lindsay Brown, of Charleston, were guests of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sikes, Tuesday.

Mrs. Glenn Fish, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. "Ed" Bacher, left Thursday for her home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson visited Tuesday night in Dexter and attended the joint installation of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges of that city.

Federal Nurse Is Here.

Miss Emma L. Browne, Federal Nurse of the United States Public Health Service, arrived Monday in this city, to begin the Health Inspection in the Sikeston schools. She will be assisted in the work by Miss Mary Munroe, our Community Nurse, and the doctors and dentist of the city, and frequent work will be published from their charts. Whenever large numbers of young children are brought together, there inevitably occurs exposure to the contagious diseases common to childhood. These diseases are less dangerous after the age of six, but unfortunately there is considerable danger when the diseases are contracted in the schools. Measles may have a distinct relationship to pneumonia and tuberculosis, scarlet fever to kidney and ear trouble.

Therefore, the first essential of health inspection in the school is to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, to control all conditions necessary to preserve the health of the child and to get at troubles, just beginning, in time to cure them entirely. Even an exceptionally healthy child is liable to succumb to any infection caused by bad air, dust and infectious material found in crowded and oft-times, ill ventilated school rooms.

Martha Washington candies 75c per pound.—Dudley's.

Good, used stalk cutter, disc harrow and disc cultivator. \$25 each.—Farmers Supply Co., New Building.

Mrs. J. H. Chambliss was called to Dawson Springs, Ky., Thursday by a telegram, informing her of the serious illness of her father.

The Young Peoples Missionary Society will meet next Monday evening, January 10th at the home of Mrs. Harvey Morrison, 526 Moore Avenue.

Death of Baby Matthews.

After an illness of more than 3 months little Eleanor Matthews, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Matthews Jr., entered into rest at 3:15 p. m. Tuesday, January 4th, at the age of 3 years and 6 months.

The illness of the little one dates back to early fall. She was taken to St. Louis the first of October for hospital treatment and for only a short time was there any improvement in her condition. As she grew worse, blood transfusion was tried in an effort to give strength. The change from St. Louis to Chicago hospitals was advised in order that she might be under treatment by a noted blood specialist. Blood transfusion operations there seemed to be of much benefit and the little girl improved to such an extent that hopes were held for her recovery and plans were made for bringing her home last Saturday. But again her condition became worse and despite all efforts to save the life of the beloved one, she entered into eternal rest. Funeral services were held Friday morning at the residence at 10:30 followed by interment at the City Cemetery.

Methodist Church

Subject of the morning sermon: "What Are You Going To Put In the Bundle?"

Evening sermon: "Life's Cargo."

Baptist Church.

Regular services will be held at the Baptist church. Rev. G. C. Greenway, pastor, has chosen as the subject for the 11:00 o'clock service: "Be Not Weary in Well Doing."

Evening service: "Selling Ourselves For Naught."

Grover Wilson of East Prairie was a Sikeston visitor Tuesday.

Dr. L. O. Rodes was in St. Louis on business a few days this week.

See the oats and grass feeder at the Farmers Supply Co., New Bldg.

We are exclusive agents for Martha Washington candies.—Dudley's Place.

E. E. Sheppard of Blytheville, Ark., was a visitor in Sikeston Thursday.

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Mrs. Virginia Ahrens of Oran visited Miss Mary Wilson Saturday and Sunday.

Gene Hirschberg returned Monday from a holiday visit with relatives in Chicago.

Miss Honora Bailey visited friends in Bloomfield from Thursday until Saturday.

J. M. Sellards, of the Sellards Meat Market, transacted business in Cairo Wednesday.

Mrs. Joe Loebe of Charleston visited her sons and their families in this city Wednesday.

Mrs. F. A. Denton and daughter, Miss Alfreda, went Thursday to Cairo for several days' stay.

Make your old houses warm with Beaver and Cornell Board.—Sikeston Concrete, Tile & Construction Co.

To appreciate Martha Washington candies you must get it fresh. We receive ours daily.—Dudley's Place.

Mrs. John Dill, of Carbondale, Ill., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter, and other relatives.

Dick Berry, formerly of this city, who is now located in Memphis, Tenn., visited Sikeston friends Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harty of Bloomfield were in Sikeston Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Susan Harrison.

Mrs. C. C. White went Thursday to Liberty, Mo., to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows Home.

Mrs. Lon Swanner went Thursday to Cairo to see her brother, Ira Ragsdale, who is a patient in St. Mary's Infirmary.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McSchooler are entertaining the latter's son, W. E. Dailey, his wife and children, of Minneapolis, Minn.

It may surprise our readers to learn that at least 15 carloads of corn cobs are being shipped out of Southeast Missouri this year, bringing to the corn raisers from \$500 to \$600 per car. The cobs are being shipped to the Phoenix American Pipe Works at Booneville, Mo. Two of the Company's representatives, Messrs. Monte H. Haller and Reg M. Strutz, of Booneville are at the Marshall Hotel at present, superintending the loading of the cobs. These men will answer all inquiries concerning how and where to obtain seed, form of contract, etc., and discuss the advantages of growing corn-cob pipe corn for the 1921 crop. It seems that Southeast Missouri, which is already known as the best section of the corn belt, is especially adapted to the growing of cob pipe corn.

LOST—Thursday between Sikeston and Big Opening, a 34x4 auto tire tube and rim. Return to Dr. L. B. Adams and receive reward.

MATTHEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. John Gossitt entertained their children, grandchildren, and had the honor of having one great grandchild, with a turkey dinner Xmas day. Following are the names of the ones who partook of the splendid dinner prepared: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke, and daughter, Miss Ollie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill and daughters, Misses Camille and Aleta, Mr. and Mrs. James Gossitt and daughter, Miss Rosella, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ball, son Everett and Misses Lucille and Felice, Mrs. Mayme Clarke and son Aubrey, Mr. and Mrs. John Gossitt Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buchanan and the little great-grandson, Brian. This venerable couple had prepared presents for each member present. This dinner no doubt will long be remembered by the ones gathered around the festal board.

Mrs. Bessie Chiles and baby came down from St. Louis to visit a few days.

Mrs. Caleb Matthews of Oran was the guest of her mother, Mrs. G. D. Steele Friday.

Mrs. Newell Arnold had business in Sikeston Thursday.

Mrs. Vennie Critchlow of St. Louis came down last week to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Hill.

Mrs. Tenny Burch is visiting her son in Catron.

Messrs Howard Steele, Judge B. F. Swartz motored down to New Madrid Friday on business.

L. Deane came up from Lilbourn to spend the week end with his family.

Miss Irene Loenneke returned Sunday from Jackson, where she has been the past week visiting home-folks.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Connie Edgson a fine big boy.

Mrs. Louis Hunott shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. Matt Vaughn, daughter Ella and grandson, Trentis are very ill with pneumonia.

Miss Phyllis McAdoo returned to her home in Cape Girardeau after spending two weeks with her mother in this city.

G. F. Deane went to Lilbourn Friday on business, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gossitt Jr. returned to their home in Memphis, Tenn., Sunday, after spending the past two weeks with the former's father, Mr. John Gossitt.

Master Jackson Moore Matthews of Oran was the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Steele from Wednesday until Friday.

Two suspicious characters got off the Moose here with two suit cases, which seemed unusually heavy for ordinary belongings. Our citizens became suspicious, and the bootleggers became suspicious also and started up the railroad with the suit cases, when deputy sheriff J. Cormody and W. H. Deane, constable, started in pursuit of the men, seeing them, the men dropped their suitcases and started across a cornfield. They were captured out on Kingshighway by Cormody and brought back to town. Their suitcases were opened and six gallons of 'white mule' were found. The men were taken to New Madrid and locked in jail, the sheriff taking possession of the booze. The men gave their names as Joe Louis and S. Smith of Caruthersville.

Mrs. Lola McCloud entertained the

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following guests at her home for a watch party Friday night: Messrs. B. F. Swartz, Roy Hersinger, Clifford Reed, Misses Bessie Reed, Flossie Reed, Willia and Lillitha Deane, Vera Roberts, Phyllis McAdoo of Cape Girardeau, Marie and Mary Deane, Sallie Long and Eva Cochran. The time until twelve o'clock was spent in making candy, popping corn and playing games. Many good resolutions were made by the guests.

BLODGETT ITEMS

The farmers are about through husking corn in this part of the community.

Melton Cope will butcher hogs tomorrow.

Boyce Paschall and Glenn Rowe left Friday and joined the army. They will be stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

Charles Stubbs, Jr., left Monday for Alton, Ill., where he is a student in the Western Military Academy.

Raymond Marshall made his usual trip to Richwoods Sunday.

Fred Watts has a new Ford.

Rev. Smith filled the regular appointment of Bro. Johnson Sunday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Withrow is improving after an operation.

Ray Paschall is spending the week with Frank Walton near Claypool.

Joe Harvey and Andrew Reames are still motoring to Commerce.

The Blodgett school has resumed its work after a week's vacation.

Miss Ruby Bonfield has been visiting her sister near Claypool.

Miss Hazel Troustead of Morley has been visiting Miss Olgaritte Lemons.

John Burks acted as Santa for Viola Bees' Christmas. XX.

Paul Denman returned Tuesday afternoon to Delaware, Ohio, to resume his studies at Wesleyan University.

Misses Flo King and Effie Inman spent Wednesday in Cairo, Miss King going over to consult Dr. Dunn, the eye, ear, nose and throat specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Malcolm returned Monday from Cairo, where Wade has been under treatment at St. Mary's Infirmary. The infection of the jaw which has been so alarming has been checked and he is well on the road to recovery.

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LOST—An automobile tire and rim. Lost somewhere between Sikeston and Oran Monday evening. Finder return to Semo Development Association, Scott Co. Milling Co. Bldg., at Sikeston. 1t pd.

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9 O'clock Washing Tea	4c
Sweetheart Toilet Soap	7c
Oatmeal Soap	7c
Export Borax Soap	4c
Grandma Washing Powder	4c

CEREALS

Puffed Rice	14c
Oats	14c
Postum	10c

Noxall Flour, 24 lbs	\$1.33
Salt, per barrel	\$3.75
Snow King Baking Powder	8c
Snow King Baking Powder, cup	19c
Layton Baking Powder	8c
Salmon, per can	10c
Pork and Beans, per can	7c
Best Canned Pineapple	39c

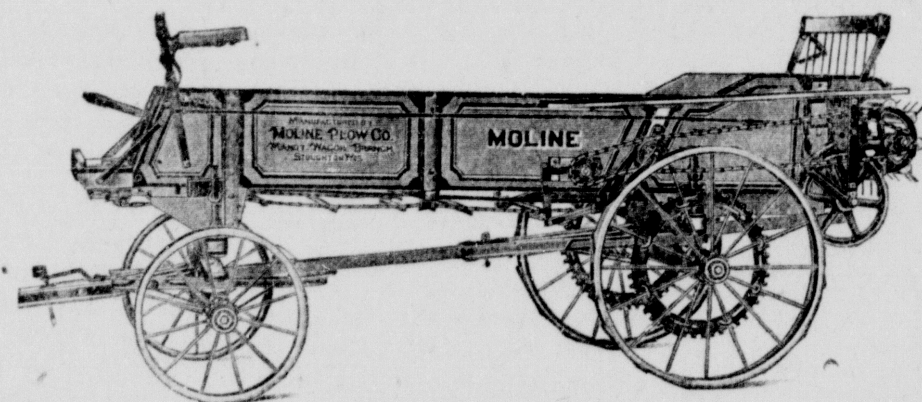
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FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN IN MEETING

Enthusiastically indorsed by 125 business men of Southeast Missouri, present at the opening session here this forenoon, the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau was re-organized along the lines outlined by a committee that had been working on the big undertaking for some time and made its report at the opening of Tuesday's meeting. Support of the eight counties in Southeast Missouri well represented, was pledged.

President Thad Snow called the meeting of the Agricultural Bureau to order at 10 o'clock. In his opening remarks he spoke of the re-organization plan and expressed a desire that all lines of business could be well represented.

J. N. Friant, of Cape Girardeau, chairman of the reorganization committee, presented the plans for the re-organization of the bureau. Chairman Snow asked for expressions of opinions from the members.

S. B. Hunter, of Cape Girardeau, gave his enthusiastic endorsement of the plan, as presented by Friant and pledged his earnest cooperation.

That Cape county would get behind the plan and could be counted on for support at all times, was the opinion expressed by Fred Naeter of the Southeast Missouriian, Cape Girardeau.

J. H. Himmelberger of Cape Girardeau declared the plan covered the greatest undertaking for the improvement of Southeast Missouri that had been brought to his attention. He said he believed that business men of this district are ready to get behind such a commendable movement.

Southeast Missouri is the very best section of the corn belt of the Mississippi Valley, according to A. J. Matthews, who indorsed the plan. He declared that the soil in this district is of superior quality and the long growing season makes the section admirable for producing the cereal in large quantities and of a high class.

F. D. Lair of Charleston said he had seen more smiling faces at the meeting than he had come upon in some time and this fact caused him to think that the Bureau ought to put through its plan and help put smiles on the faces of more people who are inclined to go around with that worried look. Mississippi county, he said, is behind the re-organization plan.

C. O. Raines, Pemiscot county, member of the State Highway Board, and President of the State Grange, gave his indorsement to the plan. The move, he said, surely will put Southeast Missouri in the front rank re-organized bureau to get to work, as an agricultural district.

Dunklin county is eager for the J. B. Stubblefield, Malden, who two years ago originated the idea of placing the Southeast Missouri agricultural exhibit in the Union Station in St. Louis, indorsed the plan.

Burt Rowe, Mississippi County, pleaded for internal improvement in this district, emphasizing the necessity for better schools and better roads, that he believed are necessary to go along with the finer farms that are coming, largely due to the efforts of the agricultural bureau. Mississippi county, he said, endorses the new work.

Butler county's O. K. of the re-organization plan was announced by Dwight I. Wn, Poplar Bluff, editor, who told of a movement in his own locality for getting a farm engineer to assist in placing new-comers on land suitable for growing the kind of crops to which they wish to give their attention.

Marion Minton, of Dexter, emphasized in his indorsement of the movement, the necessity of playing the game fairly and squarely in the selling of land to those who come to Southeast Missouri to live.

Not only should the district strive attention should be paid to getting to increase its rural population, but the better class of sellers to come here D. H. Doane, Poplar Bluff, declared, indorsing the bureau movement. New farmers, he said, should be coupled up carefully with the kind of soil they need for growing the crops they want to produce.

We should not "kid" ourselves, but get down to work, seriously and fairly. C. H. Denman, of Sikeston declared in outlining his views favoring the reorganization movement. He warned, particularly, against over-confidence and insisted that it will take hard, conscientious work to bring about the desired results.

W. H. Meredith of Poplar Bluff is enthusiastic over the possibilities of the bureau and optimistic regarding results.

By a rising vote the report of the reorganization committee was adopted and the delegates unanimously retained as a permanent committee the men who drew up the plan. They will devote their attention to increasing the membership of the reorganized bureau.

Afternoon Session.
The Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau at the beginning of the afternoon session Tuesday unanimously protested the plea of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce for increasing the fruit and vegetable freight rates in the Memphis territory as they would affect Southeast Missouri.

H. C. Hensley, farm agent of New Madrid county, brought the matter before the convention, which sent the following message to W. W. Wooden, manager for the Southeast Missouri Melon Growers Association, who was in St. Louis, attending a hearing by the Interstate Commerce Commission:

"Two hundred farmers and business men convened here as delegates from the eight counties of Southeast Missouri, representing nine thousand farm bureau members, unanimously oppose readjustment upwards of freight rates now in effect on fruit and vegetables and petition Memphis Chamber of Commerce to cease urging change.

"Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau.

"Thad Snow, President."
The Agricultural Bureau showed its interest in two important features of community development aside from the farming interests, by enthusiastically indorsing the plans for better rural schools and better roads, although it refused to take up the matter of spending the \$60,000,000 bond issue, deciding to leave that matter for settlement by a meeting called to especially deal with it.

President W. S. Dearmont and Prof. W. W. Martin of the Teachers College of Cape Girardeau made pleas for better rural schools, hearty support of the Teachers College, the supplying of more efficient teachers for county schools and the elimination of teachers with third grade certificates who now fill the rooms of so many rural schools.

W. R. Cooley of Cape Girardeau cited instances of the great aid to agriculture that had been given by the Southeast Missouri Teachers College in addition to its work in training teachers for the public schools.

Chairman Snow called attention to the fact that Otto Kochitzky, the "father of drainage" in Southeast Missouri, had entered the convention hall and asked him to address the meeting. Immediately there were calls for him and the assembly rose to its feet in an ovation to the man who gave several years of work to reclaiming a half million acres of land in the overflowed districts of Southeast Missouri.


Otto Kochitzky is a modest man. He disclaimed any right to such an honor. "Drainage in Southeast Missouri was a development that came about gradually," he said. "I happened to be the man to do the work—that's all."

He called attention to the fact that the drainage work was not finished. That ditches must be watched in the future, as their neglect would bring about swamps again. The water must be drained off and the overflow held out if reclamation plans should continue efficient.

John A. Montgomery of Stoddard county, once a lawyer, now a farmer, spoke of the necessity for the farmer to use judgment and good business sense in his work, and advised hearty support of the reorganized bureau in carrying on its work.

William Holloway of Charleston told of the formation of the Mississippi county elevator company with \$100,000 capital, that is ready to function, and R. L. Ward of Caruthersville made an appeal to the business men of Southeast Missouri to get squarely behind the new organization, go home determined to work for it and to keep up the interest in its welfare that it may become a factor in development that will be far-reaching in its scope.

The counties will elect two directors each, one representing the county farm bureaus, the other the business men who are sustaining members and these directors will meet the first Tuesday in each quarter at Sikeston



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headquarters to transact the business of the organization.

The work of J. T. Stinson, retiring secretary, was warmly indorsed by a resolution, and his offer to remain for a few weeks longer to aid in the campaign for memberships for the new organization was greatly appreciated by the assembled business men.

Among the representatives of the eight counties of the district were the following:

Scott County.

E. W. Davis, C. L. Blanton, Sr., E. A. Riga, C. C. Pinnell, W. L. Carroll, John N. Chaney, Leroy Moore, M. G. Gresham, W. T. Shanks, Marion McFarland, W. H. Sikes, Howard Bennett, A. C. Haffner, Caleb Smith, H. A. Smith, D. B. Kevill, W. B. Bledsoe, A. C. Sikes, F. M. Sikes, Chas. F. McMullin, J. W. Black, J. H. Galeener, John J. Reiss, J. Boardman, C. F. Bruton, A. J. Renner, I. H. Dunaway, W. L. Wallace, C. C. Buchanan, A. W. Wylie, James Marshall, F. Shanks, L. D. Baker, J. H. Yount, A. J. Matthews, T. A. Wilson, C. H. Denman, Theodore Hopper, Sikeston; S. B. Chamberlain, P. J. Greer, Commece; F. L. Watts, J. T. Schneida, J. T. Huey, Blodgett; W. E. Foard, Oran; T. A. Wylie, Chaffee.

Mississippi County.

O. H. DeWolf, R. L. Shelby, Reece Gilloly, Karl W. Marshall, Ed C. Marshall, S. P. Loebe, Harry B. Gordon, Burt H. Rowe, R. L. Baldrige, C. R. Moreton, W. C. Russell, F. D. Lair, F. J. Wilkinson, G. E. Cain, Thad Snow, E. Lindsay Brown, John A. Millar, J. C. Millar, Ted Shelby, Will Bledsoe, W. D. Cain, East Prairie; J. W. Hawkins, Wyatt.

New Madrid.

Jos. Lundenschmidt, Noxall; P. J. Stearns, Lilbourn; H. C. Hensley, New Madrid; G. D. Steele, Frank Deane, Matthews.

Pemiscot.

C. O. Raines, Hayti; H. M. Highfill, New Netherlands; H. C. Leurs, R. L. Ward, Caruthersville; T. V. Schonover, Bragg City.

Dunklin County.

John A. Ferguson, Malden.

Stoddard County.

E. J. Mahoney, John A. Montgomery, Joseph Crowe, G. W. Crow, L. L. Garner, John Crow, Rudolph Weber, L. L. Lepschenske, D. C.

Steele, Marion Minton, A. Q. Carter, C. E. Nelson, J. W. Covington, Dexter; J. L. Ashley, H. L. Harty, N. M. Cobb, M. S. Magee, Bloomfield; W. J. Smith, J. P. LaRue, M. E. Wyatt, Charles Darby, Essex.

Butler County.

Dwight H. Brown, W. H. Meredith, M. L. Reed, D. H. Doane, Poplar Bluff; M. P. Mesler, Mesler; R. L. Fitzgerald, John F. Jordan, Fisk.

Cape Girardeau County.

Wm. R. Cooley, S. B. Hunter, John H. Himmelberger, Seth Babcock, Charles Schwehr, Fred Naeter, W. W. Martin, W. S. Dearmont, Julian N. Friant, Otto Kochitzky, Allan Hinchey.

NOTICE.

The City Clerk has called my attention to the failure of many persons to pay their automobile license, since the same became due and payable in October.

It is regrettable to be required to resort to arrests and prosecutions for this oversight, but all persons operating cars in the city of Sikeston, without license, after Monday, January 10, 1921, will be prosecuted in strict accordance with the ordinance.

R. E. Bailey, City Attorney.

Mrs. Leo and Willie Watkins spent the week end in Dexter, guests of their aunt, Mrs. Jack Caldwell.

Ewell Barger was up from Wardell Tuesday for a visit with relatives and to attend the big Farm Bureau meeting.

Those suffering with cold feet at night can keep them warm with a safety electric heating pad.—Missouri Public Utilities Co.

Miss Geraldine Bess returned Tuesday to her home in Fredericktown after a most delightful visit here with her brother, Carl Bess and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kiser and Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Kiser were called to Dexter Tuesday because of the death of the Messrs. Kiser's father.

Miss Bernice Waltemate, who recently resigned her position as stenographer with the Sikes-McMullin Grain Company, left Tuesday morning for Poplar Bluff.

Proposed Increase in Melon Rates.

In response to invitation extended to the S. E. Mo. Melon Growers' Association by various southwestern railroads, W. W. Wooden attended a rate meeting in St. Louis on January 4th, called at the suggestion of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to give producers an opportunity to express their views in connection with a proposed increase in freight rates on fruits and vegetables, including watermelons, moving north.

Due to the fact that the melon growers in this district were organized and in position to protect their interests by having a representative on the ground it is quite probable that there will be no increase over the present rates, as was proposed.

As Mr. Wooden was in position to give the committee complete information regarding the melon situation, particularly regarding the effect that higher rates would have on marketing and proper distribution of melons from this district he was able to convince those present that the melon industry would be seriously injured by the contemplated increase in rates.

This is a concrete example of what organization means to the melon growers in Southeast Missouri and should convince every melon grower that the Association deserves his support.

Mrs. Roland Malcolm visited Tuesday with friends in Bertrand.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Hays, 515 Kendall Street, Sunday, December 26, a 9½ pound daughter.

For the man who shaves himself and wants hot water quickly, and El-Bolio will do it in one minute.

To appreciate Martha Washington candies you must get it fresh. We receive ours daily.—Dudley's Place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Randol, of 330 South Kingshighway, plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Wednesday, January 12th. Their daughters, Mrs. George Taylor of Kansas City, and Mrs. Frank Ducker, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Ducker, and Frank Randol and family of Galveston, Texas, are expected Sunday for a visit with their parents on this occasion.

Program of Third Annual Meeting of the New Madrid County Farm Bureau, Tuesday, Jan. 11

- 10:00 a. m. Call to order, and appointment of committees. Address by W. S. Edwards, New Madrid, president.
 - 10:20 a. m. Reading of minutes of last annual meeting, R. Q. Brown, Canolou, secretary.
 - 10:30 a. m. Report and recommendations of County Agent, H. C. Hensley, New Madrid.
 - 10:50 a. m. Address: The Policies of the American Farm Bureau Federation, X. Caverno, Canolou, Director.
 - 11:25 a. m. Address: Will Farmers Stand Hitched?, Paul B. Naylor, College of Agriculture, Columbia, Mo.
 - 12:00 a. m. Dinner served by Methodist ladies in basement of Court House.
 - 1:00 p. m. Adoption program of work for 1921, J. K. Robbins, New Madrid.
 - Three minute discussions: C. M. Barnes, Marston; Chas. Pikey, Conran; H. W. Smith, Portageville; S. C. Tyler, Malden; George Mier, Parma; R. Q. Brown, Canolou; Wm. Dawson, Jr., New Madrid; W. S. Edwards, New Madrid; P. J. Stearns, Lilbourn; X. Caverno.
 - 1:40 p. m. Election of officers.
 - 1:50 p. m. Election of delegates at Missouri Farm Bureau Federation Convention January 17-21, at Columbia.
 - 2:00 p. m. Report of Treasurer, Wm. Dawson, Jr., New Madrid.
 - 2:15 p. m. Address: The Future of the Cotton Market, E. R. Lloyd, Director Farm Bureau, Memphis, Tenn.
 - 3:00 p. m. Unfinished or new business.
 - 3:10 p. m. Adjournment.
- All stores and business house in New Madrid will be closed from 10:30 to 12:00.
- The Farm Bureau extends a cordial invitation to all farmers and business men of the County to attend. Meeting in the Court House.

Martha Washington candies 75c per pound.—Dudley's.

Carl Bess was in St. Louis the latter part of the week on business.

Miss Reba Cravens visited her father at Himmel the latter part of last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mayes expect to leave within a few days for Orlando, Florida, where they will open a photo studio. Orlando is about 200 miles south of Jacksonville and 10 miles from the coast, has a population of 17,000, and as there is no other photo studio in the city, the Mayes' will have a clear field. We predict great success and wish them luck.

Mrs. Bettie Matthews recently purchased the E. F. Schorle property, 327 Front Street and donated same to the Catholic Church to be used for a parochial school. During the coming summer the necessary remodeling and repairing will be done so that everything will be in readiness to begin school in the fall.

Miss Virgie Crutchfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crutchfield, and Clyde Bean, a young farmer of the Sikeston vicinity were married in this city Monday, January 3rd. The ceremony was performed by Judge J. C. Lescher. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bean are well known in this city, having always lived in this vicinity. Mrs. Bean is a graduate of Sikeston High School Class of 1919. After finishing High School, she began teaching the rural school near her home and has been a most successful teacher.

John A. Barber, who was taken Tuesday to Cairo to St. Mary's Infirmary, was found, after an X-Ray examination, to be suffering from a broken hip. Mr. Barber was injured the evening of December 26th, when he was struck by Jake Sitze's large automobile as he was crossing the street at the corner of Front and Kingshighway. At first the injuries were supposed to be severe bruises and when no improvement was shown after treatment at home, he was taken to Cairo for examination. Latest reports are that he is resting fairly well since the bones were set. The evening of the accident no street lights were on and it was unusually foggy and neither man saw the other in time to prevent the accident.

CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION MONDAY EVENING

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session Monday evening at the usual hour with all members present excepting C. F. Felker. Mayor White presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The reports of all officers were received and approved and ordered filed. Upon motion the Waterworks Committee was instructed to get, and report at the next regular meeting, full data concerning cost, feasibility, names of prospective water consumers, etc., before further considering the water main extension up Harris avenue as asked for.

The clerk was instructed to furnish E. J. Malone, Sr., Scott county's representative, a copy of the City Attorney's opinion concerning the legality of this city remitting interest and penalty on taxes not paid for 60 to 90 days.

Mayor White appointed J. W. Winchester and C. E. Felker as a committee to secure proper guarantee and see that payment is made to the city for general damage and the destruction of lights in the City Hall by the basket ball club.

After allowing bills the Board adjourned.

Joy Riders In Jail.

Chief of Police Monan and Carl Bess went Tuesday morning to Mound City, returning that afternoon with Rev. Alfred Mitchell, the negro preacher who stole Bess' Hudson touring car the night of December 30, and abandoned it about 12 miles south of Sikeston when unable to get it over the muddy roads. Wednesday afternoon Constable Sheppard went to Benton taking to jail the negro preacher and Eugene Tyus, the negro boy who helped get away with the car, and Earl Mason, a negro who has been working for Bess for several months and who stole the car out about a week previous and took a bunch of his colored friends to Charleston. Rev. Mitchell was also charged with stealing oil and gasoline, a pair of leggings and a pair of \$12 pants from Leonard McMullin. Tyus, the boy, told the judge that the same bunch had stolen out other cars on several occasions and returned them to the garages after using them. All three were committed to jail until the March term of Circuit court. All failed to give bond. Each of the older negroes is under \$1,000 bond, and the boy \$500.

The D. A. R. will hold their regular meeting Saturday afternoon, January 8th, at 2:30, at the home of Mrs. Laura Smith, 814 North Kingshighway.

E. J. Malone, Sr., Scott county's representative, accompanied by Mrs. Malone, left Sunday for Jefferson City in order to be comfortably located when the legislature convenes.

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held Tuesday afternoon, January 11th, at 2:30. This meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms instead of the City Hall auditorium.

If all Lyceum numbers were of the same standard as the entertainment given here Monday evening by the Montague Light Opera Singers, there would be a grand rush for tickets each season and the guarantors would never be afraid of coming out of the little end of the horn.

George Triplett, an ex-soldier, about 22 years of age, committed suicide at his home near Essex, Sunday, January 2nd, after making the third attempt to take his own life. He first slashed his throat, then jumped from a second story window and was finally successful when he secured a shotgun and blew off his head.

In this issue appears an advertisement of the "Old Reliable" St. Louis Globe-Democrat, to which we request your attention. The Globe-Democrat bases its claim for your subscription on its absolute fairness in printing all the news in an unbiased, uncolored way. There have been great and important additions to its news-gathering facilities, both at home and abroad. There have also been added a number of new daily features. There is always a good continued story, news of the world in photographs, daily comic cartoons and many other regular features for men, women and children. For particulars we urge you to read the advertisement, and then send in your order at once to the Globe Printing Co., Publishers, St. Louis, Mo.

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAYS
AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI.Entered at the Postoffice at Sikeston,
Scott County, Missouri, as second-
class mail matter, according to act
of Congress.THE STANDARD is the only paper in
Scott County that is published
twice-a-week; for newspaper read-
ers wanting the news while it is
news, and for advertisers desiring
quick results, it is the best medium.The Standard announces the follow-
ing new rates for advertising effective
August 1, 1920:Display advertising, per single column
inch, net25c
Reading notices per line.....10c
Financial statements for banks.....\$6.00
Probate notices, minimum.....\$5.00The Standard announces the follow-
ing new rates for subscription effective
September 1, 1920:Yearly subscription anywhere in Scott
and adjoining counties.....\$2.00
Yearly subscription elsewhere in
United States.....\$2.50
No renewal allowed at present rate
for longer than one year.Foreign Advertising Representative
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATIONWe wonder just what that friend
of ours really meant when he said
the editor was too weak in the back
to make a good hog man and too
weak in the head to make a good
editor!The tobacco growers of Kentucky
have shut up shop and refused to
sell their output to buyers at the prices
offered. Guess we will all have
to fall back on the rag to chew in the
future if we can not get our tobacco
and snuff.Edmund P. Crowe, proprietor of the
Dexter Statesman, has leased his of-
fice to one of his employees and signed
up for a lecture course through the
East. Think of the balance of us,
Ed, if you should happen to be stag-
gered for a trip through Canada!We corn raisers, wheat raisers, hog
raisers and hell raisers are in hopes
the Republican Congress will unwork
some sort of legislation at an early
date whereby we can find some way
to pay our debts or stand our deb-
tors off for another spell. Just at this
time either one way would suit.Wat Coleman, of the Morley Ban-
ner, and Alden Pinney, of the Benton
Democrat, attended the picture show
in Sikeston Tuesday then sat up with
The Standard corpse the first half of
the night. We talked shop from ev-
ery angle and each wondered if the
merchants intended using any of the
perfectly good advertising space that
we have for sale.The Federation of Missouri Com-
mercial Clubs will meet in Jefferson
City, January 26 and 27. The pro-
gram will deal with problems that
confront Missouri during the period
of re-adjustment. The \$60,000,000
road bond proposition will be one of
the subjects up for discussion. Sik-
eston and other Southeast Missouri
Commercial Clubs should have repre-
sentatives present.A better lot of the leading citizens
of Southeast Missouri have never at-
tended any previous meeting than
were present at Malone Theater Tues-
day to devise ways and means to put
the attractions of our section of the
State to home seekers. We have the
land, we have the climate and we
are all ready to welcome to our midst
thousands of good families who will
help develop our resources.Of course it is too bad for any man
to steal a car, but if he is going after
one he should get a good one, and
that is just what a negro preacher
did when he took the big car belong-
ing to Carl Bess last week. You know
the editor hasn't been very enthusi-
astic about making it more pleasant
for our colored population and this
escapade does not strengthen that en-
thusiasm. The money recently raised
to build a church for them might be
used to defend this brother who went
astray, as he has, no doubt, re-
pented of his sin of covetousness.Every man and woman who it at
all interested in farming, dairying
and poultry, should attend the Agri-
cultural Short Course to be given by
the International Harvester Company
in Sikeston the 14th and 15th of Jan-
uary. Much can be gained by giving
heed to the lecturers and it will not
cost a cent. At the same time The
Standard believes some one connected
with the Harvester Company should
be present to explain, if he can, why
the 20 per cent increase in the agri-
cultural implements put out by this
company, when everything the farm-
er has to sell at this time will not
bring fifty cents on the dollar.

Folly and Cowardice.

We believe the President's veto
of the bill to revive the War Finance
Corporation was wise. One of the
convincing reasons he gave for his
veto was that it would induce export-
ers to "shift the financing of their
operations from ordinary commercial
channels to the Government," which
would be unfortunate for two reasons:
It would lead to the Government's
continuance as an active factor in
business, and, if resulted in much
Government activity, would inevitably
lead to increased Government credits
and additional taxes on the heavily
overburdened taxpayers.One of the worst influences of the
war was governmental interference
with and control of business in order
to meet emergencies and to regulate
prices. It was the cause of artificial
conditions in business and of many
bad practices which intensified the
difficulty of peace readjustment. It
was the cause of great waste. It
vastly strengthened the inclination of
industry and business to lean upon the
Government and to seek governmental
aid, co-operation or regulation. The
proof of this inclination is found in
the demand for Government relief for
agriculturists, whose products happen
to be temporarily a drug on the
market, a condition which, despite its
present handicap on producers, is of
enormous benefit to the whole people
in forcing a rapid readjustment of
food prices to normal standards.
This readjustment had to come, and
while it was too rapid for comfort to
the producers, artificial postponement
merely tends to prolong the agony.The President pointed out that the
measure would be futile. It was con-
trary to the views of acknowledged
financial authorities, whose conclu-
sions at the Brussels conference were
that there should be a complete ces-
sation of Government supervision and
loans and that business should be
returned as soon as possible to nor-
mal and to dependence upon private
resources and energies. Readjust-
ment and rehabilitation are in pro-
cess of accomplishment and further
artificial stimulus from Government
interrupts it and maintains the very
conditions from which we are suffer-
ing. It is not stat aid, but individ-
ual initiative and energy that are
needed.The farmers, like many manufact-
urers and business men, have had sev-
eral fat years. None of them are
willing to take the inevitable lean pe-
riod of readjustment. All are grum-
bling, but the farmer squeals like a
stuck pig. He demands help at once,
and all the forces of cowardly politics
respond to his squealing.The overwhelming vote of the Sen-
ate for the adoption of the bill, which
the House is expected to duplicate to-
day, is another proof of congression-
al folly and cowardice. The majority
of Congressmen do not stand by their
convictions when votes are in the bal-
ance. Principle and judgment and
science are thrown to the winds when
the farmer vote is at stake and their
political support is threatened. They
are not shepherds of the people, but
sheep.—Post-Dispatch.

Editorial Sparks.

The Yanks are about ready to wind
up the watch on the Rhine.—Wash-
ington Post.That Denver sheriff is not so bad,
after all. He gets them and losses
them. Our sheriff doesn't get them
at all.—Baltimore Sun.In the old days the cynic remarked
that beauty is only skin deep, but now
he concedes that it is frequently knee
high.—Baltimore Sun.Disarmament is like a formal event
in society—none wants to arrive till
all the rest are there.—Nashville
Tennessean.If you spell Yap backwards you get
somewhat closer to the inside
story of the Pacific cable controver-
sy.—Providence Tribune.We wish that home rule in Ireland
could be as popular as home brew in
America.—Des Moines Register.Chicago's chief of police finds that
"shooting to kill" is effective to les-
sen crime. That seems a reasonable
conclusion. The thug killed retires
permanently.—Pittsburg Gazette.Only five of the United States have
no workmen's compensation laws.Michigan growers took the first 22
awards for rye and 9 of the 14
awards for Red Rock Wheat at the
Chicago International Hay and Grain
Show.Senator King, of Utah, is preparing
amendments to the Sherman Anti-
Trust Law which he declares will in-
crease the control of the Department
of Justice over combinations in re-
straint of trade.The honor of being the most exp-
ert peach cutter in California goes to
Mrs. Charles Onyett, who, while
working in a cannery at Gridley, la-
boring eight hours a day, has been
able to earn an average wage of
\$11.96 a day throughout the present
season.

Public Education

We are the only nation of first-class
importance lacking a national depart-
ment of education. It is said that
our neglected bureau of education ex-
pends but 1 per cent of the \$30,000,000
given by our Federal Government to
educational purposes. Eighty offices,
divisions, bureaus, overlap and du-
plicate activities. Nowhere is there
a proper center for the protection
and development of the teaching serv-
ice. Even the Senate has not seen fit
to have a separate committee for
educational matters, but groups them
with labor concerns under a chairman
of labor and education. Some details
in connection with our children's bu-
reau, some by the Department of
Agriculture, some by the Labor De-
partment, some by the Department
of Justice, and some by the Depart-
ment of the Interior. Nor does the
gale end here. All through the coun-
try the same wasteful scattering of
energy abounds; no very substantial
advances in educational policies need
be expected in the 29 of our states
where the county superintendents are
elected for one and two-year terms,
with all the onus of political differ-
ences; nor in those states where 30,
000 to 50,000 trustees, elected also
for short terms and with the drag of
partisan favors, carry on school busi-
ness involving not so large an ex-
penditure as is managed in the City
of Boston by a board of five.It is, perhaps, not strange to find
one of these partisan ticket superin-
tendents confessing, "This psychology
stunt ain't got me yet," and not en-
tirely disconcerting to come upon a
district officer who selects his teach-
ers according to their ability to spell
"mad dog" backward! The challenge
to the American school is well de-
fined. It is time for American educa-
tion to achieve a vision comparable
to its immense responsibilities. It is
time our self-respect compelled us to
put our schools on a sound working
basis, time that we co-ordinated our
national and state educational agen-
cies, took all our school directors out
of party politics and strengthened our
teaching profession by providing for
it adequate direction, adequate salar-
ies and adequate opportunities for
its creative growth.—North American
Review.

Farmers Ask Credit Relief.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1.—President J.
R. Howard of the American Farm
Bureau Federation has just returned
from Washington where he has been
working in behalf of speedy and de-
finite relief for the agricultural cred-
its situation. Mr. Howard and Gray
Silver, the Federation's Washington
representatives, appeared before the
joint committee of Agriculture and of
Banking and Currency of the United
States Senate and advocated meas-
ures embodying five definite planks
in the American Farm Bureau Fed-
eration's immediate relief program.1 Regulatory power over farmers'
cooperative marketing associations
should be in the hands of the United
States Department of Agriculture
rather than the Federal Trade Com-
mission.2 The farmers' cooperative market-
ing movement must not be hindered
by the provisions of the Sherman
Law, enacted to control trusts and
not with any intent to curb coopera-
tion for the benefit of the public at
large.3 The Federal Reserve Bank Act
should be amended so as to provide
preferential rates for loans for pro-
ductive purposes over loans for
speculative purposes.4 The Warehousing Act should be
extended so as to serve the needs of
both individuals and cooperative as-
sociations, and there should be based
upon it a rural credits plan which
will enable the farmer, individually or
collectively, to market his crops in an
orderly fashion.5 The Federal Land Bank System
should be extended to provide farm-
ers with personal credit, for such
purposes as buying improved seed,
live stock, machinery and equipment,
on the same general plan as real
estate loans are now provided.According to Mr. Howard, these
planks form the basis of a platform
which he hopes to see forthwith erect-
ed by Congress for the benefit and
encouragement of the farmers of
America, just how heartily to find
that after producing bumper crops
with which to feed the world, they
are offered far below the actual costs
of production.Attracted by the high rate of ex-
change, counterfeiters are circulat-
ing bogus American money in Ger-
many. One \$10 bill was detected be-
cause "America" was spelled with a
"k" instead of a "c".A feller can never tell. When the
editor stated that he intended to re-
main out of the mechanical end of
the shop, he really meant it, but our
linotype lady was indisposed the sec-
ond day after our resolve and the ed-
itor is stuck back in the corner again.FEDERATION OF MIS-
SOURI COMMERCIAL CLUBSJefferson City, Mo., Jan. 4.—The
annual State-wide convention and
election of officers of the Federation
of Missouri Commercial Clubs will be
held in Jefferson City, on January
26th and 27th, 1921.According to the call issued by I.
R. Kelso of Cape Girardeau, President
of the Federation, the program will
deal with problems that confront Mis-
souri during the period of readjust-
ment.Great interest is being manifested
in the coming meeting because Con-
stitutional Amendments adopted at
the recent election will require more
or less legislation for the purpose of
setting up the necessary machinery to
make them effective. To illustrate:
the people out in the State were told
by the friends and advocates of
Amendments 6 that if adopted, the
proposed \$60,000,000 State bond issue
would not increase their taxes.The Legislature must find some
way in order to keep faith with the
tax payers, to provide the necessary
revenue to pay principal and interest,
expenses of administration and main-
tenance of the highways out of the
automobile license fund.The legislative program is a State-
wide proposition. The roads are to
be built in the country. Neverthe-
less the result of the future road pro-
gram of this State will depend entirely
upon the action and recommendations
of city friends if there is no organiz-
ed interest manifested in the country
regarding proposed legislation. Un-
less the Legislature makes proper pro-
vision for an equitable distribution of
the funds and sets up machinery
which will insure the tax payers that
all moneys will be honestly and fairly
administered, no progress can be
made."State development work in general,
especially those features of it re-
quiring future bond issues to be de-
termined by the voters, will be made
very difficult, if not entirely impos-
sible, unless the handling of the \$60,
000,000 road fund proves satisfactory
to every county in the State," ac-
cording to Mr. Kelso.Among the speakers at the con-
vention will be representatives of the
Missouri Federation of Women's
Clubs, American Legion, State Press,
Missouri Farm Bureau Federation,
State and County Fairs, City, County
and State Officials, and educational
leaders from State and National
Agencies. City officials and com-
mercial organizations are urged to
send delegates to the convention, and
the attendance of members of the
County Court and Press is especially
desired.The fact that the Legislature will
be in session at the time of the con-
vention, should prove an incentive for
attendance for all who have any busi-
ness to transact with officials in any
department at the State Capitol.The Mayor, City Officials and civic
leaders of Jefferson City are tuning
that community up to the highest de-
gree of hospitality for this conven-
tion. Homes in all sections of the
city have been card indexed in order
to have rooms available for the vis-
itors. Many of the finest homes in the
city will be opened to guests from
out in the State on this occasion.Get prices on Furniture elsewhere,
then come to Dempster's.Michigan is the first State to offer
a reward for planting nut trees be-
side highways. In Europe the profit
from roadside nut trees assist in
maintaining roads. Roadside nut
trees abroad are protected from van-
dalism by public sentiment, and this
is true of the nut orchards in the
principal centers of production in
this country.GARDNER PROPOSES \$16,500
TO PAY BACK SALARIESJefferson City, Mo., December 31.
—Gov. Frederick D. Gardner, in his
final message to the Legislature, will
recommend the passage of a deficiency
appropriation of \$16,500 for the pay-
ment of back salaries to members of
the State Tax Commission for which
no appropriation was made by the
last Legislature.The members of the commission are
Roy Williams of Booneville, H. Chou-
teau Dyer of St. Louis and W. A.
Dallmeyer of Jefferson City. Will-
iams and Dyer are Democrats. Dal-
lmeyer is a Republican.Of the \$16,500, if appropriated,
Williams would get \$6000 as chairman
and Dallmeyer and Dyer \$5250 each.
The salary of chairman is \$4000 and
of members \$3500.The failure of the last Legislature
to appropriate funds for the salaries
of the members of the Tax Commis-
sion arose from the fight in the
Legislature led by three members of
the State Board of Equalization to
repeal the Tax Commission law. It
was not repealed but the members of
the Tax Commission as then constitu-
ed were not confirmed in their ap-
pointment and vacancies were created
which were filled by Gov. Gardner
June 1, 1919, by the appointment of
Williams, Dallmeyer and Dyer. The
members ousted by the refusal of
the Senate to confirm the Governor's
appointments were Cornelius Roach of
Kansas City, chairman, and James
Y. Player of St. Louis and J. H. Ga-
leener of Sikeston members. The
fight on the Tax Commission grew
out of the insistence of Roach, Play-
er and Galeener that property be
assessed at its true value, as pro-
vided by law.Williams, Dallmeyer and Dyer have
devoted only a part of their time to
the work of the commission. They
have worked harmoniously with At-
torney General McAllister, State
Treasurer Middlekamp and Secretary
of State Sullivan, exponents of
fractional assessments, who engineer-
ed the fight on the Roach, Player
and Galeener Board.The Legislature appropriated \$26,
000 to carry on the work of the com-
mission and that has been expended
under the direction of Gov. Gardner.

Educational Creed and Program.

1. Adequate financing of our public schools.
2. A competent, specially trained teacher in every schoolroom, with a salary in proportion to her efficiency.
3. Equal opportunities and a high-school education for every child in the State.
4. Well-equipped centralized schools in rural districts, with courses of study suited to the needs of the rural child.
5. Every school open 12 months in the year, for instruction in some form.
6. Teachers employed 12 months in the year.
7. Vocational education and physical training in every school.
8. Visual education—films for primary teaching in every school, and for geography, history and literature in the upper grades.
9. Every school a community center for organized activities.
10. Ohio ranking first, instead of twelfth, in education.

The number of unemployed in New
South Wales is between 15,000 and
20,000.Experiments conducted in the re-
search laboratories of the army sig-
nal corps prove that a number of
messages may be sent over submarine
cables simultaneously through the
use of alternating current.COAL OIL JOHNNY
DIES AT AGE OF 78Omaha, Neb., January 1.—John W.
Steele, known widely in the East half
a century ago as "Coal Oil Johnny",
reputed then to have spent a com-
fortable fortune when oil was dis-
covered on his Pennsylvania land,
died of pneumonia yesterday at
Fort Crook, Neb., where he was sta-
tion agent for the Chicago, Burling-
ton and Quincy Railroad.Steel, who was born in Shakleville,
Pa., in 1843, is said to have attracted
considerable attention in New York
when a young man by throwing away
money to boys and men on the street,
apparently because he liked to see
them scramble for it. He came west
forty-five years ago and had been in
the Burlington's employ thirty-seven
years.Eight years ago Steele worked as a
truckman at Fort Crook, but later be-
came agent for the railroad. His wife
says after the discovery of oil on his
Pennsylvania land years ago the money
flowed in as a royalty. They were
married at the time.The publicity which newspapers
gave his newly acquired wealth and
the manner in which he enjoyed
spending it made him an object of in-
terest.When he came west and in the days
of royalties were over, he refused to
tell of his experiences and regarded
that part of his career as a closed
book.The stories about "Coal Oil Johnny"
never represented him as gambling or
making a prodigal use of his wealth,
but rather as enjoying the sight of
others getting what was so difficult to
obtain. Attending a theater in Pitts-
burgh one day, the story is that he
stepped out of his box when a black-
faced comedian finished a song and
handed him a \$1000 bill and asked
him to sing it again.His family lived in the station
house in four tiny rooms.RELATION OF FARM TENANCY
TO SOCIAL LIFE STUDIEDTo determine the effect of farm ten-
ancy on the social life of rural com-
munities, the United States Depart-
ment of Agriculture has carried on
studies in a number of States during
the last year. Seven States—North
Dakota, Georgia, Missouri, South
Carolina, Maryland, Iowa and Ne-
braska—have cooperated in this
work. Twenty-five hundred farms
and farm families in 20 different com-
munities were intensively studied. It
is expected that the results, when
abundant, will throw much new light
on the entire subject of farm tenancy.Studies in sales of farms, from the
social angles, have been carried on in
five counties in Indiana. The num-
ber of sales in each county has been
ascertained, the buyers and sellers
located, the human side of the trans-
action inquired into, and the social
as well as the economic reasons for
selling and buying brought out.

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Peoples Bank Bldg. Sikeston, Mo.The deflation of values has driven
a London concern, which is one of
the largest for brokers in the world,
into voluntary bankruptcy.According to the comptroller of
the Shipping Board, losses are being
shown on practically every voyage
undertaken by a Shipping Board ves-
sel. Private lines are said to be ex-
periencing similar difficulties.

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and your bed linens to us. When
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press your satisfaction as to
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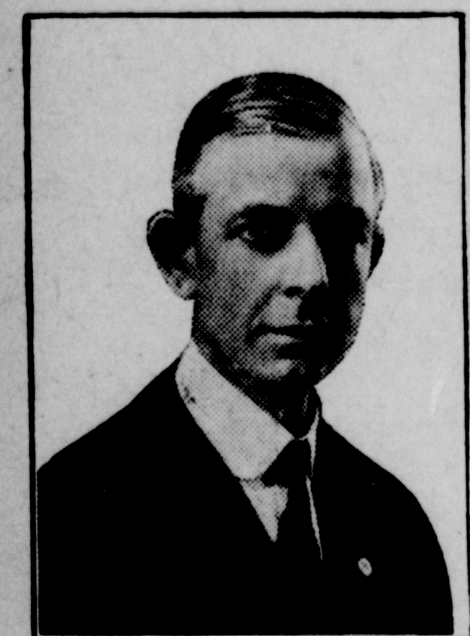
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AGRICULTURAL SHORT COURSE IS ASSURED

A series of interesting and helpful meetings in community building, agriculture, gardening and home conveniences has been assured for this community through the co-operation of the Agricultural Extension Department of the International Harvester Company. They will be held in Sikeston, January 14th and 15th.

The purpose of the meetings will be to help the people engaged in strictly educational work. The party coming to this vicinity will consist of H. S. Mobley and Mrs. Adda F. Howie.

Mr. Mobley was national chairman at Washington of Farmers' Organizations' Legislative Committee during the discussion and adoption of such laws as the Farm Loan Bank, Parcel Post, Smith-Lever Bill, etc. He is a practical farmer of many years' experience who sees things from the farmers' viewpoint, a successful live stock and alfalfa grower, a leader among community builders, and a well-known lecturer on the various



H. S. Mobley

agricultural subjects and home and rural school problems.

Mrs. Howie is one of the very few women dairy experts in the country and is a most interesting lecturer, not only on dairy subjects, but also on poultry and the farm home.

The plan is to hold both day and evening sessions, at which admission will be free and everybody, men, women and children will be welcome.

In the talks and lectures large charts and lantern slides will be used and at every session the subjects treated will be thrown open for discussion.

Motion pictures, both interesting and highly educational, will be among the big features on the program at the Agricultural Short Course.

These will consist of eight reels dealing with various subjects of importance to farmers, to housewives, to those living in town and those residing in the country.



Mrs. Adda F. Howie

One of these reels, devoted to sheep, has been pronounced by experienced sheep growers and prominent live stock men all over the country as the best reel on sheep ever produced. It covers practically every problem in the raising and care of sheep and is both pleasingly entertaining and instructive.

Every sheep grower, whether experienced or not, every farmer, every town dweller, every man, woman and child should see this reel.

Two reels will be devoted to corn. One shows the harvesting, storing and testing of seed corn, step by step, illustrating how simple and easy, and yet how important it is to provide ourselves with seed that we know will grow. The other corn reel deals with the cultivation of corn and how best to utilize it in feeding live stock.

Another reel shows the farm tractor engaged in numerous tasks from plowing a town lot to pulling 52 plows on the open prairie.

"Home Conveniences" is the subject covered by a reel which will prove of great interests to women and equally interesting to men.

"Home Canning by the Cold Pack Method" will be shown in another reel. This illustrates every step in the canning of various products.

"Milk—Nature's Perfect Food" is the title of a reel which tells the value of milk and how to produce and use it.

Another reel, "Make More from the Poultry", deals with poultry raising from the farmers' viewpoint. It tells the things we ought to know about poultry.

Sikeston is one of the four towns in Missouri selected for the Agricultural Short Course and the citizens of this community are interested in making it a success. The following committees that have been appointed will strive to put it over BIG:

Executive Chairman: A. C. Haffner; Arrangement Committee, C. C. White; Ranney Applegate, J. F. Cox, J. W. Winchester, Louis Baker; Finance Committee, L. M. Stallcup, E. C. Matthews, Chas. F. McMullin, E. A. Matthews; Program Committee, J. W. Black, W. H. Sikes, speakers; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson, Miss Hazel Stubbs, Harry Dover, Miss Fern Scott, Thomas J. Russell, music; Publicity and Invitation Committee, C. H. Denman, C. L. Blanton, Col. Wade Norrid, W. H. Sutton, Matthews; Howard Steele, Matthews; R. Q. Brown, Canalou, Chas. Biser, Canalou; Geo. Cain, Charleston; James Baker, Theo. Hopper, Bob Thomas, Albert Wiley, T. Wilson, A. J. Matthews, Pitt White, Bertrand; Ed Green, Blodgett; J. W. Black, Morley; Tom Bugg, Vanduser; Clarence, Brasher, Crowder; W. W. Hinchey, Wm. Shubert, Morehouse; School Committee, M. C. Thomas, Sikeston; M. E. Montgomery, Benton; P. J. Stearns, New Madrid; Class-Room Material Committee, Wade Norrid, Elmer Frazier, M. C. Culp, Ed Hollingsworth, E. J. Malone, Sr.; Women's Committee, Mrs. A. C. Sikes, Mrs. C. C. White, Mrs. Lyman Matthews, Oran; Mrs. I. H. Dunaway, Mrs. E. J. Malone Sr., Mrs. W. T. Shanks.

Interesting Items.

Six thousand persons from the United States are emigrating to Canada monthly.

Before they are two years old seven hundred and seventy-nine of every thousand babies in China die.

Twenty-five thousand of the 50,000 babies born in France during 1919 have died, according to the census of the minister of labor.

Maine reports an actual shortage of 108 teachers and 390 below the standard required which places the total shortage close to 500.

To endeavor to bring about the passage of minimum wage laws Miss Jeannette Rankin, who was the first woman representative in Congress, is now making a tour of the country.

A bill drafted by a United States Senator would forbid all citizens who are abroad and members of the American diplomatic and consular services to drink intoxicating liquors.

Seventy thousand Sicilians awaiting an opportunity to sail for the United States are congesting the port of Palermo, Sicily. Ten thousand steerage passengers are sailing monthly from Naples for America.

Each member of the Osage Indian tribe who has inherited oil rights will receive \$10,000 for the year 1920. There are now 2,228 original shares in the Osage tribe according to officers of Indian affairs.

During the last fiscal year the units established a record in coinage, when a total of 809,500,000 coins were executed. This is an increase of 446 per cent in coinage over 1915, the last normal year.

The business community of Germany believes that the German fleet betrayed the Fatherland and caused its ruin and consequently no German trader or shipowner will employ former naval or hers, even those who served on warships in the battle of Jutland.

A Memphis man has invented a new cotton picker with a capacity of 700 pounds daily. The picker, at the end of a flexible tube, is placed against the boll and the cotton is drawn from the bolls by means of two cylindrical horsehair brushes which revolve. As action arrangement draws the cotton to a receptacle in the rear.

HIDES WE BUY ALL KINDS—WALPOLES MARKET.

Recoveries by the Government, during the last fiscal year, for trespasses on the national forests, amounted to \$87,082 in damages and \$3,225 in fines. These included grazing, timber, fire, game, and occupancy.

State Hospital No. 4 closed the Biennial period December 31, 1920 clear of debt and with a fund of \$11,828.02 unused which will revert to the General Revenue Fund of the state January 1, 1921. This is one of the state institutions that has passed through the period of high prices without a deficit. This Hospital is now on a self-sustaining basis.

MATTHEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Loriane Fulkerson left Wednesday of last week for Rockyford, Colorado, where they will make their home.

Miss Eva Cochran returned Wednesday from Poplar Bluff, where she has been the past few days visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith and son Pat of Poplar Bluff arrived in Matthews Tuesday to make this their future home.

Clarence Hunott is spending the week in town with his father, Mr. L. Hunott.

Misses Ela and Della Harper of Sikeston are visiting Miss Dorothy Waters this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Butler and daughter Vivian returned Tuesday to their home in Canalou after spending a few days at this place.

Mrs. Jim Brown returned last week from Poplar Bluff, where she went to visit her parents.

Mrs. Newell Arnold was in Sikeston Wednesday on business.

Thos. Gallivan, a prominent lawyer of New Madrid, was in Matthews Wednesday on business.

Roy Conyers arrived in Matthews Tuesday to spend a few days with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Randolph and son were guests of Mrs. Randolph's mother, Mrs. Minnie Lee, Monday and Tuesday.

L. Deane went to Lilbourn Wednesday, where he has a contract to build some houses on the Thornburg farm.

Mr. Elliot, superintendent of the saw mill east of Matthews, spent Xmas in Cape with his family, returning to Matthews Tuesday of last week.

Thos. Holderby of near La Forge was in Matthews Wednesday on business.

Rev. L. Hinchey went to Lilbourn Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byers and little daughter returned to their home in Bragg City after a few days visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fant.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hall of Canalou spent Christmas with Mr. Hall's mother, Mrs. Noma Hall.

George Reed is moving his family in the Thos. Holderby residence this week.

John Moss spent Christmas with his wife and little daughter in Holcomb.

Miss Madge Davis, teacher of Crow school is spending the holidays with her parents in Sikeston.

McMULLIN ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Stubblefield and daughter, Virginia, were visitors in our neighborhood during the holidays.

Misses Grace Kindred and Nellie Clifford spent Sunday with Miss Alpha Perkinson.

Fred Ancell and Lynn Waggoner of Commerce spent the week end, guests of McMullin friends.

Mrs. Ida Carpenter and Juanita visited Mrs. W. B. Simpson Sunday.

Geo. Norman and family spent the holidays visiting relatives in Fredericktown.

Only a small crowd attended Sunday School Sunday. We would like to have larger crowds from now on. Everybody try to come next Sunday and let's do better this year.

Arle McIntosh's baby son is critically ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. C. C. Freeman and children, Carl and Virginia visited Mrs. Ancell Saturday.

Mrs. Barnett and daughter Pearl are helping Mrs. McIntosh nurse her sick baby.

Elmer Grant's baby is suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Inman entertained a number of young friends at a farewell party Thursday night. About thirty young people were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Meiderhoff spent Sunday afternoon at the Anton Meiderhoff home in McMullin.

Claude Lee visited friends in Bloomfield last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Montgomery of Benton visited in our little city Thursday.

School Notes.

School opened again with all pupils in school excepting three sick ones. We are all glad to be in school again after a delightful holiday vacation.

Johnny Meiderhoff is attending the Parochial school in Benton.

Oral Rowark is out of school on account of sickness.

Prizes were given to some of the pupils last month for efficiency in their studies. All of us will try to have our names on the Roll of Honor this month.

We wish the Editor and his staff a busy and a prosperous New Year.

Dempster, the Furniture man is always on the job.

The Cost Sale continues at the Farmers Supply Co.

LEGISLATURE CAN'T SUSPEND PENALTY FOR UNPAID TAXES

Jefferson City, Mo., January 1.—Gov. Gardner did not consult any legal advisers before he gave a news item to the press last night in which he urged the Legislature, by joint resolution to suspend the penalty provision of the statute imposed for the nonpayment of taxes at the close of the last year. The Governor suggested that the penalty should be remitted up to April 1 to enable those who have not paid their taxes to escape the penalty imposed by law.

Lawyers say that the legislature is not vested with the power to suspend a statute by a joint resolution. The legislature has the power to repeal the penalty statute outright, but it cannot suspend its provisions by joint resolution. Neither can the legislature pass a retrospective law. This is prohibited by the constitution.

FORD PLANT AT DETROIT NOT TO REOPEN JAN. 3, AS PLANNED

Detroit, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made today by the Ford Motor Co., that its Highland Park plant, which closed December 24, for inventory, will not reopen January 3, as planned, but will remain closed indefinitely.

The statement said: "The company has now decided not to reopen the plant next week, but will resume operations as early as possible. The assembly plants throughout the United States will continue their operations as usual."

At the time of the closing of the plant for inventory, approximately 50,000 workers were employed.

Charles Jones and Chas. Seals made the discovery Wednesday morning under the ice in the park pond, a snake about eighteen inches long, coiled up ready to strike. They dispatched his snakeship in jig time and were quite proud over their accomplishment.—Lilbourn Herald.

BEAT UP HIS CAPTAIN.

Former Private Gladly Pays the \$10 Fine.

Norfolk, Va., January 2.—For the pleasure of giving his former army captain a sound thrashing Samuel Berman of No. 118 Liberty street, New York City, today paid \$10 and costs when he was arraigned in court. Berman, who is a traveling salesman, yesterday heard that B. R. Fink, a former captain in the United States was in Norfolk. He hunted him up. He called Fink out of a store into the street and hit him a blow in the left jaw.

"That is for making me do extra guard duty for nothing," said Berman.

When Fink got up the former private hit him another blow in the jaw. He called Fink out of a store into the street and hit him a blow in the left jaw.

Berman said while he was in the army, in Fink's "E" Company, the latter compelled him to do all kinds of disagreeable things for spite. "He wanted my mother to board and lodge his sister. We had no room for her or anybody else. Fink got sore with me and imposed all kinds of dirty work on me."

Berman said he had trained two years for his fight with Fink. The latter weighs 210 pounds and is six feet tall. Berman weighs 180 pounds and five feet 10 inches tall.

When Judge Simmons imposed the fine Berman said: "That is cheap. I would have gladly paid \$100 for the privilege of beating Fink."

The former army captain denied that he had treated Berman any differently from other members of his company.

During the last fiscal year thirty-two persons in the army were sentenced to death by court-martial, but in no case was the sentence carried into effect.

Missouri's Centennial Celebration

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The Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard

Death of Mrs. John Calvin Jr.

Mrs. Grace Keller Calvin, aged 29 years, wife of John Calvin Jr., and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Keller, died Saturday, January 1st, in Littleton, Colorado, where she has been the past three years hoping to be benefited by the Western climate.

Mrs. Calvin was married about four years ago. Soon after her marriage, tuberculosis developed and her husband took her to Colorado. She improved wonderfully for a time, but for several months the family has known there was no hope for her recovery. The body arrived in Sikeston Monday, January 3rd, accompanied by the husband and her mother. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the home of her parents on Prosperity Street, conducted by Rev. Fin's Jones. She was laid to rest in the Sikeston Cemetery.

Leave your subscription with Sikeston News Agency. Marks for service.

For rheumatism and electric vibrator will give relief.—Missouri Public Utilities Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wyatt of Essex were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Scott Tuesday.

Miss Melvin Bowman returned Wednesday afternoon to St. Charles, where she is a student at Lindenwood College.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lindsay Brown, of Charleston, were guests of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sikes, Tuesday.

Mrs. Glenn Fish, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. "Ed" Bacher, left Thursday for her home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson visited Tuesday night in Dexter and attended the joint installation of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges of that city.

Federal Nurse Is Here.

Miss Emma L. Browne, Federal Nurse of the United States Public Health Service, arrived Monday in this city, to begin the Health Inspection in the Sikeston schools. She will be assisted in the work by Miss Mary Munroe, our Community Nurse, and the doctors and dentist of the city, and frequent work will be published from their charts. Whenever large numbers of young children are brought together, there inevitably occurs exposure to the contagious diseases common to childhood. These diseases are less dangerous after the age of six, but unfortunately there is considerable danger when the diseases are contracted in the schools. Measles may have a distinct relationship to pneumonia and tuberculosis, scarlet fever to kidney and ear trouble.

Therefore, the first essential of health inspection in the school is to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, to control all conditions necessary to preserve the health of the child and to get at troubles, just beginning, in time to cure them entirely. Even an exceptionally healthy child is liable to succumb to any infection caused by bad air, dust and infectious material found in crowded and oft-times, ill ventilated school rooms.

Martha Washington candies 75c per pound.—Dudley's.

Good, used stalk cutter, disc harrow and disc cultivator. \$25 each.—Farmers Supply Co., New Building.

Mrs. J. H. Chambliss was called to Dawson Springs, Ky., Thursday by a telegram, informing her of the serious illness of her father.

The Young Peoples Missionary Society will meet next Monday evening, January 10th at the home of Mrs. Harvey Morrison, 526 Moore Avenue.

Death of Baby Matthews.

After an illness of more than 3 months little Eleanor Matthews, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Matthews Jr., entered into rest at 3:15 p. m. Tuesday, January 4th, at the age of 3 years and 6 months.

The illness of the little one dates back to early fall. She was taken to St. Louis the first of October for hospital treatment and for only a short time was there any improvement in her condition. As she grew worse, blood transfusion was tried in an effort to give strength. The change from St. Louis to Chicago hospitals was advised in order that she might be under treatment by a noted blood specialist. Blood transfusion operations there seemed to be of much benefit and the little girl improved to such an extent that hopes were held for her recovery and plans were made for bringing her home last Saturday. But again her condition became worse and despite all efforts to save the life of the beloved one, she entered into eternal rest. Funeral services were held Friday morning at the residence at 10:30 followed by interment at the City Cemetery.

Methodist Church

Subject of the morning sermon: "What Are You Going To Put In The Bundle?"

Evening sermon: "Life's Cargo."

Baptist Church.

Regular services will be held at the Baptist church. Rev. G. C. Greenway, pastor, has chosen as the subject for the 11:00 o'clock service: "Be Not Weary in Well Doing." Evening service: "Selling Ourselves For Naught."

Grover Wilson of East Prairie was a Sikeston visitor Tuesday.

Dr. L. O. Rodes was in St. Louis on business a few days this week.

See the oats and grass feeder at the Farmers Supply Co., New Bldg. We are exclusive agents for Martha Washington candies.—Dudley's Place.

E. E. Sheppard of Blytheville, Ark., was a visitor in Sikeston Thursday.

We are exclusive agents for Martha Washington candies.—Dudley's Place. Mrs. Virginia Ahrens of Oran visited Miss Mary Wilson Saturday and Sunday.

Gene Hirschberg returned Monday from a holiday visit with relatives in Chicago.

Miss Honora Bailey visited friends in Bloomfield from Thursday until Saturday.

J. M. Sellards, of the Sellards Meat Market, transacted business in Cairo Wednesday.

Mrs. Joe Loebe of Charleston visited her sons and their families in this city Wednesday.

Mrs. F. A. Denton and daughter, Miss Alfreda, went Thursday to Cairo for several days' stay.

Make your old houses warm with Beaver and Cornell Board.—Sikeston Concrete, Tile & Construction Co.

To appreciate Martha Washington candies you must get it fresh. We receive ours daily.—Dudley's Place.

Mrs. John Dill, of Carbondale, Ill., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter, and other relatives.

Dick Berry, formerly of this city, who is now located in Memphis, Tenn., visited Sikeston friends Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harty of Bloomfield were in Sikeston Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Susan Harrison.

Mrs. C. C. White went Thursday to Liberty, Mo., to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows Home.

Mrs. Lon Swanner went Thursday to Cairo to see her brother, Ira Ragsdale, who is a patient in St. Mary's Infirmary.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McSchooler are entertaining the latter's son, W. E. Dailey, his wife and children, of Minneapolis, Minn.

It may surprise our readers to learn that at least 15 carloads of corn cobs are being shipped out of Southeast Missouri this year, bringing to the corn raisers from \$500 to \$600 per car. The cobs are being shipped to the Phoenix American Pipe Works at Booneville, Mo. Two of the Company's representatives, Messrs. Monte H. Haller and Reg M. Strutz, of Booneville are at the Marshall Hotel at present, superintending the loading of the cobs. These men will answer all inquiries concerning how and where to obtain seed, form of contract, etc., and discuss the advantages of growing corn-cob pipe corn for the 1921 crop. It seems that Southeast Missouri, which is already known as the best section of the corn belt, is especially adapted to the growing of cob pipe corn.

LOST—Thursday between Sikeston and Big Opening, a 34x4 auto tire tube and rim. Return to Dr. L. B. Adams and receive reward.

MATTHEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. John Gossitt entertained their children, grandchildren, and had the honor of having one great grandchild, with a turkey dinner Xmas day. Following are the names of the ones who partook of the splendid dinner prepared: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke, and daughter, Miss Ollie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill and daughters, Misses Camille and Aleta, Mr. and Mrs. James Gossitt and daughter, Miss Rosella, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ball, son Everett and Misses Lucille and Felice, Mrs. Mayme Clarke and son Aubrey, Mr. and Mrs. John Gossitt Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buchanan and the little great-grandson, Brian. This venerable couple had prepared presents for each member present. This dinner no doubt will long be remembered by the ones gathered around the festal board.

Mrs. Bessie Chiles and baby came down from St. Louis to visit a few days.

Mrs. Caleb Matthews of Oran was the guest of her mother, Mrs. G. D. Steele Friday.

Mrs. Newell Arnold had business in Sikeston Thursday.

Mrs. Vennie Critchlow of St. Louis came down last week to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Hill.

Mrs. Tenny Burch is visiting her son in Catron.

Messrs Howard Steele, Judge B. F. Swartz motored down to New Madrid Friday on business.

L. Deane came up from Lilbourn to spend the week end with his family.

Miss Irene Loenneke returned Sunday from Jackson, where she has been the past week visiting home-folks.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Connie Edgson a fine big boy.

Mrs. Louis Hunott shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. Matt Vaughn, daughter Ella and grandson, Trentis are very ill with pneumonia.

Miss Phyllis McAdoo returned to her home in Cape Girardeau after spending two weeks with her mother in this city.

G. F. Deane went to Lilbourn Friday on business, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gossitt Jr. returned to their home in Memphis, Tenn., Sunday, after spending the past two weeks with the former's father, Mr. John Gossitt.

Master Jackson Moore Matthews of Oran was the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Steele from Wednesday until Friday.

Two suspicious characters got off the Moose here with two suit cases, which seemed unusually heavy for ordinary belongings. Our citizens became suspicious, and the bootleggers became suspicious also and started up the railroad with the suit cases, when deputy sheriff J. Cornbody and W. H. Deane, constable, started in pursuit of the men, seeing them, the men dropped their suitcases and started across a cornfield. They were captured out on Kingshighway by Cornbody and brought back to town. Their suitcases were opened and six gallons of 'white mule' were found. The men were taken to New Madrid and locked in jail, the sheriff taking possession of the booze. The men gave their names as Joe Louis and S. Smith of Caruthersville.

Mrs. Lola McCloud entertained the

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following guests at her home for a watch party Friday night: Messrs. B. F. Swartz, Roy Hersinger, Clifford Reed, Misses Bessie Reed, Flossie Reed, Willia and Lillitha Deane, Vera Roberts, Phyllis McAdoo of Cape Girardeau, Marie and Mary Deane, Sallie Long and Eva Cochran. The time until twelve o'clock was spent in making candy, popping corn and playing games. Many good resolutions were made by the guests.

BLODGETT ITEMS

The farmers are about through husking corn in this part of the community.

Melton Cope will butcher hogs tomorrow.

Boyce Paschall and Glenn Rowe left Friday and joined the army. They will be stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

Charles Stubbs, Jr., left Monday for Alton, Ill., where he is a student in the Western Military Academy.

Raymond Marshall made his usual trip to Richwoods Sunday.

Fred Watts has a new Ford.

Rev. Smith filled the regular appointment of Bro. Johnson Sunday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Withrow is improving after an operation.

Ray Paschall is spending the week with Frank Walton near Claypool.

Joe Harvey and Andrew Reames are still motoring to Commerce.

The Blodgett school has resumed its work after a week's vacation.

Miss Ruby Bonfield has been visiting her sister near Claypool.

Miss Hazel Truistead of Morley has been visiting Miss Olgalette Lemons.

John Burks acted as Santa for Viola Bees' Christmas. XX.

Paul Denman returned Tuesday afternoon to Delaware, Ohio, to resume his studies at Wesleyan University.

Misses Flo King and Effie Inman spent Wednesday in Cairo, Miss King going over to consult Dr. Dunn, the eye, ear, nose and throat specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Malcolm returned Monday from Cairo, where Wade has been under treatment at St. Mary's Infirmary. The infection of the jaw which has been so alarming has been checked and he is well on the road to recovery.

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Sugar, per 100 lbs	\$9.00
Best Peaberry Coffee	19c
New Orleans Molasses, best	95c
Rice, per lb	5c
Corn, per can	10c
Tomatoes, per can	6c

SOAPS

9 O'clock Washing Tea	4c
Sweetheart Toilet Soap	7c
Oatmeal Soap	7c
Export Borax Soap	4c
Grandma Washing Powder	4c

CEREALS

Puffed Rice	14c
Oats	14c
Postum	10c
Noxall Flour, 24 lbs	\$1.33
Salt, per barrel	\$3.75
Snow King Baking Powder	8c
Snow King Baking Powder, cup	19c
Layton Baking Powder	8c
Salmon, per can	10c
Pork and Beans, per can	7c
Best Canned Pineapple	39c

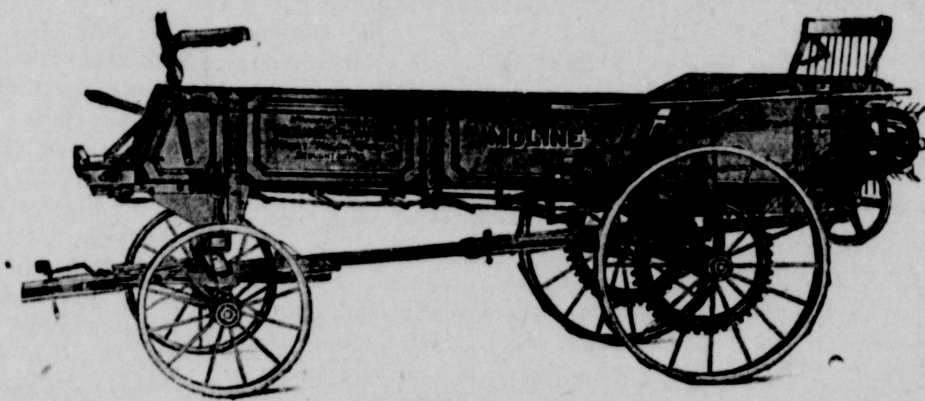
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